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HANKOW "REDS" DIGGING IN.

POSITION GROWS ALARMING.

SOUTHERNERS REFUSE TO FIGHT.

BIG SHANGHAI LOAN TO MARSHAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK.

MORE SOVIET MILLIONS.

There is much news of real importance regarding the Chinese situation to hand to-day, the outstanding item of which is that there are feverish preparations for the defence of Hankow in view of an anticipated attack by the Fengtien forces and the reported refusal of the Nationalist armies on the Honan front to give battle. The extremist element in Hankow is reported to be extremely nervous.

As being significant of the strong hold which the "Moderate" Nationalist Party has obtained on responsible Chinese opinion at Shanghai, it is reported that the merchants there have granted Marshal Chiang a loan of \$6,000,000 on the security of the Customs surtaxes with the promise of a further \$10,000,000 later on.

Further startling disclosures in connection with the seizure of Soviet documents at Peking prove that Moscow subsidised the Nationalist campaign and has paid over \$10,000,000 (Gold) to date.

An important statement on the general situation in China was made yesterday in the House of Commons by the British Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

In connection with the delay in presenting a second Nanking Note, the danger of similar occurrences elsewhere is pointed out in a message from Peking.

Hankow, April 26. Measures for the defence of the Wuhan cities have been speeded up remarkably in the last two days, particularly in and around Hankow and Wuchang. Field guns are being moved up in large numbers to specified positions, and the labour corps have been engaged in digging trenches behind the native cities at Hankow and Han-yang.

It would appear that the Southern troops are anticipating an attack by the Fengtien forces shortly, and the military activity is significant in view of the report that the Nationalist Armies on the Honan front have refused to fight and are retreating rapidly before the Northern forces.

Meanwhile the extremist element in Hankow is showing signs of extreme nervousness regarding the safety of their positions. Although the Japanese have announced their intention of opening their godowns, closed since the riots, it is understood that this is only for the purpose of clearing the cargoes at present contained therein. The godowns open tomorrow.

The Japanese community of Chungking have been evacuated and they are on their way down river in a steamer, accompanied by a Japanese gunboat.—*Naval Wireless.*

BIG SHANGHAI LOAN.

Merchants Help Marshal Chiang.

Shanghai, April 26. As far as is possible with the restrictions imposed at the barricades, Shanghai is gradually returning to normalcy, tension having relaxed considerably. The city is very quiet.

It is reported that two waggons containing 200 cases of shells left the Kiangnan Arsenal yesterday for Chinkiang.

It is also reliably reported that the bankers in the native city have granted Marshal Chiang Kai-shek a loan of \$6,000,000 on the security of the Customs surtaxes, and, moreover, have promised a further \$10,000,000 at a later date.—*Naval Wireless.*

SOVIETS G.\$10,000,000.

Nationalists Well Subsidised.

Peking, April 27. The Police to-night issued a statement declaring that accountants have carefully examined the books of the Dai Bank, which were seized in the recent raid, and were in perfect order.

They reveal that in 1926/27 the Soviet Government paid over G.\$10,000,000 in support of the

Cantonese military and anti-foreign movements. The money was paid largely through the military attaché at Peking.

The Police point out that it is thus overwhelmingly proved that the Soviet Government was the main support of the Nationalists.

Complete lists of arms and munitions supplied by the Soviet have also been discovered, and it is further revealed that the Soviet insisted on Russian representation on all Cantonese councils.

Soviet letters have been discovered declaring that the Cantonese Generals were slovenly and utterly lacking in knowledge of staff work and strategy, and that they must have Russian advisers in order to succeed in the campaign.—*Reuter.*

DANGER OF DELAY.

Nanking Sanctions Blocked.

Peking, April 26. The Ministers of the five Powers met again this morning, and while no official pronouncement is made, it seems generally agreed that America is preventing anything definite being done as regards Nanking.

It is suggested in certain quarters that in view of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's supposed moderate attitude, the Powers should await developments, but most foreigners here are of opinion that a delay would merely mean a repetition of the events of Nanking elsewhere, sooner or later, possibly at Peking or Tientsin.—*Reuter.*

Opposition to Sanctions.

Shanghai, April 26. A semi-official Japanese telegram from Peking indicates that in view of American opposition to sanctions, the second Note of the Powers will probably merely demand only the execution of the three requests of the first Note, and later discuss the third Note, should events warrant.—*Reuter.*

INTENSIVE BOMBARDMENT.

Large Fires in Pukow.

The aeroplanes which hovered over Pukow yesterday obviously went up for observation purposes, for to-day the Nationalist guns on Lion Hill opened up an intensive fire on certain points in Pukow. Large fires broke out in the course of the day.

In addition, Southern cruisers went up river and engaged the Northern guns which occupy a commanding position about seven miles above Nanking.

The Chinese authorities have now issued a proclamation prohibiting the looting of the International Export Company's premises.—*Naval Wireless.*

COMMONS STATEMENT.

A Comprehensive Review.

London, April 26. Mr. G. Locker Lampson, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, gave a resume of the situation in China in reply to questions in Parliament. He said:

"Military operations between the Northern and Southern forces are for the moment at a standstill. The northward advance of the Southern forces beyond the Yangtze has been checked, and they have been driven back over the Yangtze in the region of Nanking by the forces of Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, which have now reappeared and taken part in the operations. The Northern troops have not, however, crossed the Yangtze, which is for the moment the boundary between the Northern and Southern territory, except at Hankow, where the Southern troops still occupy the country north of the river.

Nationalist "Split."

Meanwhile, a serious division has appeared in the Nationalist ranks. General Chiang Kai-shek, the Nationalist Commander-in-Chief, has been dismissed from his post, and has repudiated the authority of the extremist Hankow government, which is under strong Communist influence. He has the support of the more moderate elements of the Kuomintang, some of whom have joined him at Nanking, where he is reported to be settling up a government of his own.

The Hankow authorities have been placed in serious financial difficulties by the defection of Chiang Kai-shek, by the cutting of their communications with Shanghai and Canton, and by the cessation of foreign business owing to disturbed conditions and the lack of security either for life or for property. They now control only a relatively small area in central China, around Hankow, and the civil and military authorities in the Lower Yangtze area along the coast are, for the moment at any rate, on the side of Chiang Kai-shek.

Anti-"Red" Moves.

Chiang Kai-shek has not yet made any military move against Hankow, but he has taken action against the extremists in the area under his control. Anti-Communist raids have been carried out by the Nationalist forces of Shanghai, Soochow, Wusih, Hangchow, Ningpo, Swatow and Canton.

Recent telegrams from the treaty ports show that the Yangtze Valley still remains the chief area of disturbances, and that elsewhere in both north and south China the situation is momentarily quiet. In the Yangtze region a state of turmoil persists, and neither the life nor property of foreigners is secure. The British communities in the Upper Yangtze area have had to be evacuated. The British consulates at Chenchu, Chungking, Ichang and Changsha have been closed, and British gunboats have been withdrawn from those ports. The United States, Japanese and French communities have also withdrawn.

Position at Hankow.

At Hankow only about two hundred British subjects and about seventy-five Americans, mostly men, still remain, and these are concentrated for safety either on board ship or in houses on the river front. The British warships Carlisle, Vindictive, Keppel and Wulsey have arrived to reinforce the British naval forces already in the port.

Most of the Japanese community have also been evacuated. The Japanese are holding their concession in force, and have landed field guns. They are refusing to resume trade until security is established. The situation is very tense, and large numbers of better-class Chinese are leaving the port.

At Hankow, Nanking and Chinkiang the British consuls have had to establish themselves on board ship, and at the two latter ports such British subjects as still remain are also living on board, and are unable even to go ashore.

As regards foreign property, the position is no better. The few steamers running on the river are continually fired on, even if they

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PIRATE JUNK CHASED AND CAUGHT.

POLICE LAUNCH CAPTURES MISCREANTS.

OPPORTUNE ARRIVAL.

When off the Nine Pins Group of islands on Monday night a trading junk, registered in Hongkong as No. 656, was attacked by pirates, who boarded her from a larger boat. Previous to this, a volley of rifle shots had been fired from the pirate boat as a signal to the trader to heave-to.

In the ensuing search for valuables, the pirates were rewarded with only the small haul of \$21 in money. After staying on board for some time, the raiders returned to their own craft, and sailed away.

Successful Chase.

Heading back for Hongkong, the pirated junk was fortunate enough to meet the No. 4 Police Launch, near So See Moon, and a report was made to the Sergeant in charge, who decided to chase the escaping pirates. Several hours later the police launch caught up with the private vessel, and compelled it to stop. The four men found aboard the boat were put under arrest, but, before submitting, they attempted to rid themselves of incriminating evidence by dumping their rifles and other weapons overboard.

The No. 4 Police launch returned to Hongkong yesterday with the captured pirates.

IMPERIAL AIRWAYS.

COLONIAL POSSIBILITIES EXPLORED.

London, April 26. Major Scott, the famous airship captain, has just left for Canada accompanied by Mr. Gibbs, of the Works and Buildings Department of the Air Ministry.

Mr. Gibbs has been in charge of arrangements for the erection of three airship mooring masts at Cardington, Ismailia and Karachi. The object of this visit is to advise the Canadian Government on the best site for a mooring mast.

Group Captain Fallowell and Flight Lieutenant Nixon, of the Royal Airship Works, and Mr. Giblett, the airship meteorologist, are on a tour to South Africa and Australia, to give similar advice to those Dominions. Flight Lieutenant Nixon will also explore the possibilities of the colonies in West and East Africa.—*British Wireless.*

WORK ON TILBOET.

TASK OF REFLOATING UNCOMPLETED.

Although the weather has continued favourable, it has not been found possible to float off the after part of the Tilboet, stranded at Lin Tung. The cutting with oxy-acetylene burners is still proceeding, it is understood.

As the work has progressed, it has been found necessary to patch certain parts of the hull, where damage additional to that caused by the original grounding has been caused by the heavy swell forcing the vessel on to submerged rocks.

This patching is being carried out to-day, and the local agents of the J.C.L. state that another attempt to refloat the after part of the vessel will be made to-morrow. Meanwhile such reports as have been received indicate that the progress of the salvage work is satisfactory.

INCREASED POSTAGE.

NEW CHINESE RATES.

A despatch from the Postal Administration reads as follows: "Commencing from May 1st, the postage rates on every letter and post-card dispatched within or beyond this Province will be increased to four cents and two cents respectively, by order of the Nationalist Ministry of Communications."

We take the above from yesterday's Canton Gazette.

10,000 "REDS."

CANTON READY FOR TROUBLE.

SITUATION GROWS SERIOUS.

Canton, April 26.

The North River situation is becoming more serious. The Yueh-han railway service is able to run to Yuntan only, above which station the enemies of the Government are very active. The "Reds" in the North River region consist of four different contingents:

The "Red" peasants, the "Red" labour pickets who recently retreated to the North River from Canton, the bandits, and the Hunanese troops under General Chen Ka-yau, who is in revolt against the Government with the Training Division of the 2nd army owing to the fact that his chief, General Tan Yen-kai, is with the Hankow party.

"Reds" 10,000 Strong.

It is estimated that there are altogether 10,000 "Reds" on the North River, these being made up of 2,000 troops, 3,000 peasants, 4,000 bandits and 1,000 labour pickets.

The Government forces designed to operate along the North River consist of two regiments of Kwangsi troops, one section from the 13th regiment, and the village volunteers in the northern districts. They are outnumbered by the "Reds," but are better equipped.

Kwangsi Reinforcements.

The Kwangsi regiments have arrived at Yuntan by train from Canton, and are marching on the "Reds" through two different directions, one directly on Shui-kwan, and the other on Ching-yuan. Severe fighting on the North River is expected very shortly.

According to information obtained from military circles here, however, the Hunanese division in Shui-kwan has agreed to take the advice of the Canton authorities, and is leaving Shui-kwan for Hunan, so there is not likely to be any conflict between these particular "Red" forces and the Government troops.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

Whampoa Students' Undertaking.

Canton, April 26.

The Kuomintang Academy in Whampoa, which was obliged to suspend class-room work after the anti-"Red" coup, is resuming. More than 300 of the students of the Academy, who are accused of being "Red" agitators, have been placed under arrest, but the Government has decided to let the other "Red" students go free, provided they furnish bonds undertaking to sever relations with the Communist Party.

Confiscated Buildings Returned.

The Government has decided to return the Ka Nam and Nam Wah Buildings, on the Tai Ping Malao, to their legal owners.

These buildings, of six to seven storeys, were occupied by the Hongkong strikers shortly after completion and had been in such occupation for the last two years. The strikers had also done much damage to the structure of the buildings, having all the glass windows sold and the wooden portions used as firewood for cooking their meals.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

An Uncertain Position.

The general situation in Canton is one of tension and uncertainty, and the province of Kwangtung may be described these days as torn by dissension and fears of unknown possibilities.

Following the anti-"Red" coup, there has been a definite break with the Hunanese forces who are loyal to the Hankow administration, and, as we reported yesterday, the commanders in Kwangtung who are loyal to Marshal Chiang Kai-shek are straining every nerve to prevent an invasion of the province by the Communist sympathisers. However, the situation is said to be precarious, as it is still uncertain how many troops will be required for defence purposes, and a campaign against Hankow seems imminent. There is also the question of the "Red" peasantry, in open revolt, who have yet to be subdued.

In Canton itself, the Communist influence is ready to break out at the first opportunity, and while there is every indication that the labour element is turning to

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FATAL CRASH DURING TESTING.

TWO AIRMEN KILLED IN AMERICA.

NEW YORK-PARIS FLIGHT.

Newport News, April 26.

Commander Noel Davis, who was preparing for a non-stop flight from New York to Paris, was killed while testing a giant biplane, the "American Legion," when he crashed near Messick, in Virginia.

Comdr. Noel Davis and his companion, Lieutenant Wooster, who was also killed, had no time to jump clear when the machine, which apparently had developed engine trouble, fell several hundred feet. It was to have been the last test flight prior to the departure for the real attempt.

Comdr. Noel Davis was on the staff of Rear-Admiral Strauss, in war time, and was engaged in laying a mine barrage in the North Sea. He resigned his commission when he returned to the United States, but qualified as a naval aviator.

The War Department at his request released a big bomber for his New York-Paris flight. This was recently officially inspected and pronounced fit. Comdr. Noel Davis' announcement of his intention to compete in the flight was made only a fortnight ago, and completely surprised his rivals, including Comdr. Byrd.—*Reuter's American Service.*

[Comdr. Noel Davis was first mentioned as a contestant for the G.\$25,000 prize, for a non-stop New York-Paris flight, on April 11. Other contestants include the Polar flier, Comdr. Byrd, who, it will be recalled, crashed on April 15 when testing his monoplane for the big effort, and he, the famous aviator, Fokker, and Lt. Bennett, were all three, rather seriously hurt. Other test flights some weeks back have ended disastrously. It was reported on April 22 that the contestants in this big flight are speeding up preparations, so that the attempt to win the prize has developed into almost an international contest. One of the most famous aspirants to success is the French wartime "ace," Captain Nungesser, and others in the race for honours are Acosta, Lloyd, and Bertaud.]

STOLEN PIGS.

THOUGHT TO BE PIRACY PROCEEDS.

A charge of receiving 40 live pigs, knowing them to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained from outside the Colony, was preferred against eight Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

Mr. H. S. Lo (instructed by Mr. A. E. Hall), appeared for the defence and applied for bail.

In opposing the application, Sub-Inspector Dorling said that since the pigs were found the report of a piracy had been received. It was in consequence of this that the police opposed bail.

Mr. Lo submitted that evidence of a piracy would be inadmissible on a charge of receiving and that there were no justifiable grounds for refusing bail.

Sub-Inspector Dorling said that the evidence of the piracy would have to be given.

His Worship refused bail, the defendants all being remanded till Saturday.

POISON GAS IN WAR.

NATIONS AGREE AGAINST ITS USE.

Geneva, April 26. The Disarmament Committee has reached complete unanimity as regards the article on chemical warfare.

"The high contracting parties undertake to abstain from the use in war of asphyxiating, poisonous or similar gases, and all analogous liquids, substances or processes, and also undertake to abstain from the use of all bacteriological methods of warfare, and abstain from any preparation in peace time for the above-stated methods of warfare, and not permit the exportation of substances useable in chemical or bacteriological warfare if such importation, export, or manufacture is for such purpose." The sentence referring to peace time preparation was inserted at the instance of the Germans.—*Reuter.*

QUACK DOCTOR.

"VACCINATION" FOR SMALL-POX.

YOUNG WOMAN DIES.

An alarming incidence of small-pox in the Shatin district recently, followed by a report to the Police that a young woman had died after vaccination, revealed on investigation that a Chinese living at Kowloon City was inoculating villagers. As a result of the investigation, he was charged with unlawfully using vaccine for the purpose of inoculation, material other than vaccine lymph provided by the Government. That charge, however, was dismissed, and two other charges were proceeded with.

The case was heard at the Tai Po District Magistracy yesterday morning before Mr. J. A. Fraser.

Alleged Abettors Discharged. Two other men named, Chan Tat-yau, school teacher, Sha Tin, and Yip Kwai, an unemployed bricklayer's foreman, of Shatin village, were charged with aiding and abetting, but they were discharged.

Doctor I. Newton, Kowloon Hospital, was the complainant, Sergt. Russell being in charge of the case. The defendants were defended by Mr. Horace Lo.

The allegations against the first defendant were that he had performed inoculation for the prevention of small-pox at villages in the Shatin district, without being a registered medical practitioner, or public vaccinator, or without authorisation; also that he had used for vaccination purposes material other than vaccine lymph, provided by the Government, and that he had wilfully and falsely implied he was qualified to practise medicine in Shatin.

The defendant, whose name is Tsang Yue-chai, an unregistered doctor, and who gave his address as 51 Sai Koon Road, 1st floor, Kowloon City, pleaded guilty to the first charge, and the other two charges were dismissed.

Former Vaccinator.

The defence was that in 1916, and before that time, the defendant had been vaccinating people with the approval of the Government Doctor.

Persons whom he had vaccinated had been examined, and their condition was so satisfactory that he was given a paper, which he understood to be a certificate to allow him to continue his vaccinations. Whenever he had been asked for his authority he had produced the paper, and it had not until then been questioned.

It appeared, however, that the paper was not a certificate, and his Worship imposed a fine of \$200.

JAPANESE FINANCES IMPROVE.

PEOPLE MORE CONFIDENT.

A telegram received by the Japanese Consulate-General in Hongkong yesterday, reports that the financial situation in Japan is becoming easier and easier day by day, especially in Tokyo, where the Banks continue to receive more deposits.

In Osaka there are no signs of a run on the banks.

This restoration of confidence is undoubtedly due, it is stated, to the thorough financial measures which the new Japanese Cabinet are putting before the forthcoming sessions of the Diet.

BRITISH BUDGET ITEMS.

TEA AND TYRE DUTIES ACCEPTED.

London, April 26. The House of Commons by 256 to 143 has rejected a Labour amendment to reduce the tea duty from four pence to a penny a pound, and passed a resolution by 250 to 140 to continue the present duty.

Mr. Churchill pointed out that the Government was not only unable to accept the amendment, but also there was no prospect of a reduction of the duty next year.

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A BACHELOR TAX.

UNMARRIED MEN VOTE IN
FAVOUR.

The question whether bachelors should be taxed more than the married men brought a reply in the affirmative at the close of a lively debate at St. Peter's Club last night. Curiously enough, it was an audience comprised for the most part of unmarried people, who voted for the motion, and in so doing reversed the opinion expressed at a previous debate at the Kowloon Y.M.C.A. when this evergreen subject was discussed and defeated.

The Rev. Copley Moyle presided over an attendance which included a large number of University students and also a few members of the fair sex who displayed lively interest in the proceedings.

The proposer of the motion (Mr. S. Boxer) said that because of his lesser responsibilities a bachelor should be taxed, in the ratio of his financial independence. In the scheme of fixing an equitable income tax, what was more natural than that the rebate allowed to the married man with a family be charged on to the man free from family responsibilities? What brought vitality and prosperity to a State was the purchasing power of its population, and with so many mouths to feed, the married man did more for the State than the bachelor. Mr. Boxer gave figures of income tax and submitted that it was right to tax the bachelor to his full capacity after the margin line between what was necessary for his comfort and what might be regarded as luxury had been determined.

A less serious view was taken by the opposer of the motion, Mr. T. J. Price. If marriage was a success by attainment of the pleasures which were its alleged recompense, then he asked, where was the sense of justice in taxing failures—those who would enter into the happy state of matrimony if they could but were prevented by obvious reasons? Did they realise that under the circumstances there was only one class in the world who would be in favour of the tax? The reply was the married man. Again, there would be only one class who would like to pay the tax. Again, it was the married men, that is to say, if by so doing they could again be bachelors. The poor lonely old bachelor pining out with the last years of his life on what he could save for himself, was the one to be sympathised with.

Where is the Woman?

The speaker went on to ask what conditions of life would be when a bachelor against whom this discrimination was exercised, were forced, when called before the income tax tribunal to say: "Where is the woman who will marry me," and was confronted with a stern-faced lady member of the tribunal who promptly construed this as a proposal of marriage from the harassed victim? Not overlooking the troublesome younger brother, who had the knack of always being in the way, the bachelor as modern conditions of life had made him, had to spend something on an occasional big box of chocolates when Ma was in Hospital, and on quite a few cigars to Pa to keep him in good humour. (Laughter).

Mr. E. A. Lea, in supporting the motion, commenced by saying that whereas Mr. Price had appealed to their humour, he (Mr. Lea) was going to appeal to their intelligence. (Laughter).

Mr. E. A. Lea viewed marriage as essential to the economic soundness of a nation in the maintenance of the birth-rate of its population. For lack of co-operation in this regard there was provided another reason why bachelors should be taxed.

Mr. P. T. Lim in opposing the motion, said a strict application of this discrimination against bachelors would mean that a father would be divided against his unmarried son, the brother against the sister, etc. "We are born bachelors by necessity and not

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bachelors by election," this speaker wisely added.

Mr. E. R. Price alluded to the surplus female population of England and spoke of the relief which he thought the Governmental measure in taxing bachelors would bring about.

Replying later to this, Mr. T. J. Price expressed his astonishment that his own brother should take the platform against him. He asked if this creation of a surplus female population might not be again repeated by enforced marriages as were contemplated in the tax measure, the process continuing without end? (Laughter).

Another speaker after cautiously stipulating that he was not expressing an opinion either way in the question, said that much was being expected of the bachelor, who was generally stoney-broke, had been so since his undergraduate days. It was true to say that a bachelor and his money were soon parted.

"It is not good for men to live alone," stated another speaker for the motion, who had delved deeply into scriptural sanctions.

After a most lively debate in which many others joined in, the motion was carried by 19 votes to 14.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

WRECKAGE REPORTED OFF
NINE ISLANDS.

The following notice to mariners has been issued by the local authorities under date April 25.

Information has been received that the wreck of a junk, with two masts showing, is reported in a position approximately five miles south of Nine Islands. (Ends)

The s.s. Benmohr arriving from Manila, reports sighting wreckage with six feet of mast showing apparently attached to some submerged object. Latitude and Longitude were omitted from the Harbour Office Report.

OBITUARY.**MR. ALEXANDER McEWAN.**

Shanghai papers announce the death of Mr. Alexander McEwan, late Chief Engineer of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., which took place at the General Hospital, at the age of 78.

Mr. McEwan had not been well for some time.

Deceased was born at Alloa, Scotland on September 7, 1849. In 1872 he came to China for the Pacific Navigation Co. of London and in 1875 joined the staff of the I.C.S.N.C., in the employ of which he remained for 38 years. In 1922 he was retired. He was member of the Tuscan Lodge and has the distinction of being its oldest member, having joined in 1881.

Deceased is survived by his wife and one daughter, Mrs. R. W. Yorke.

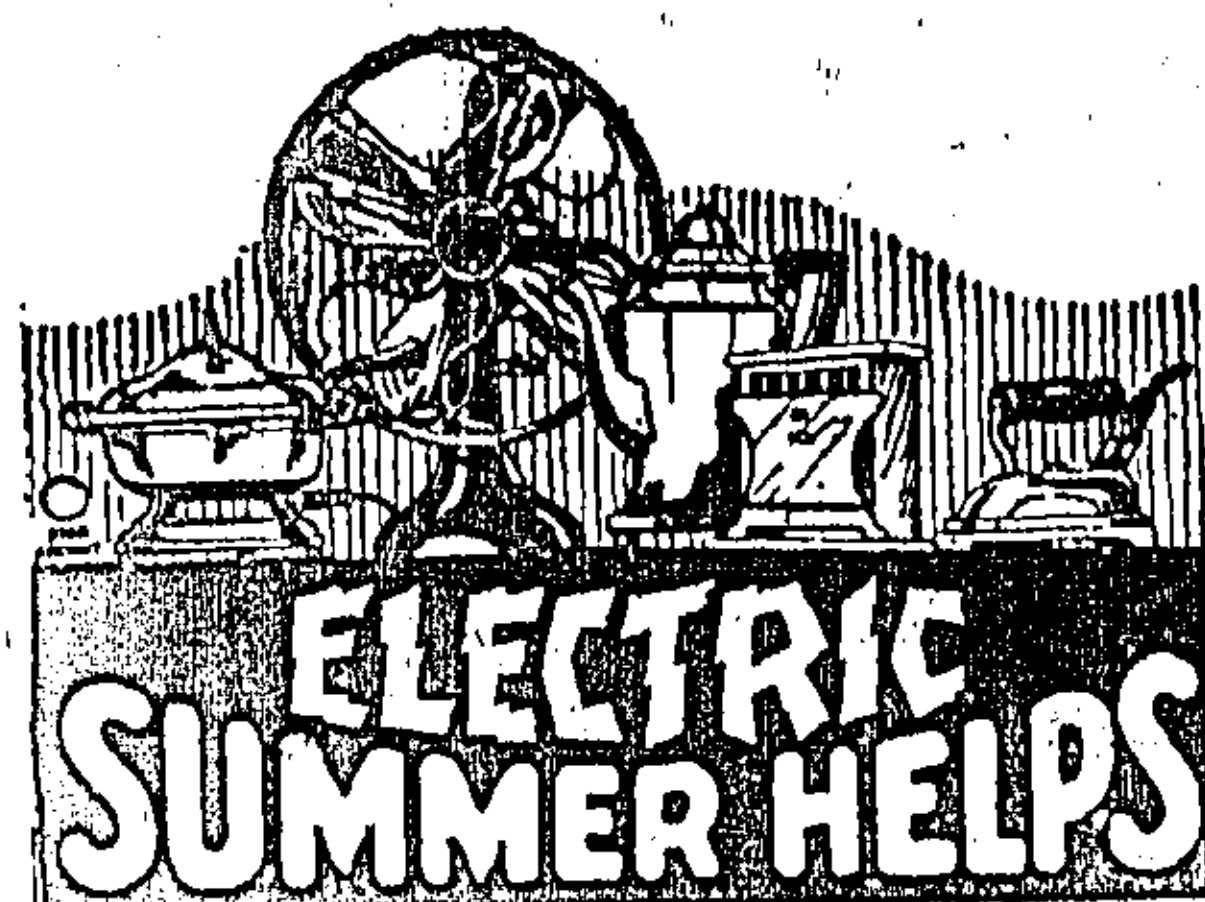
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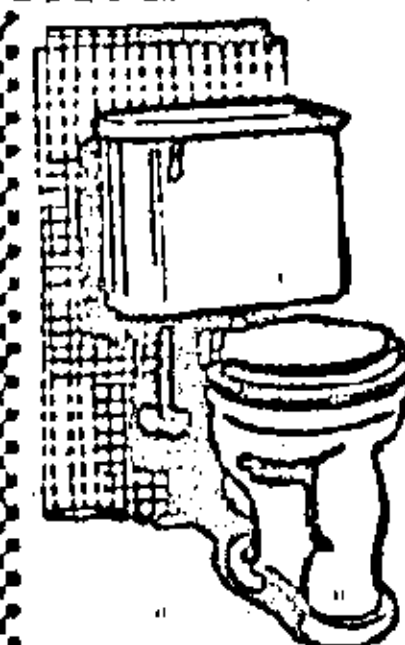
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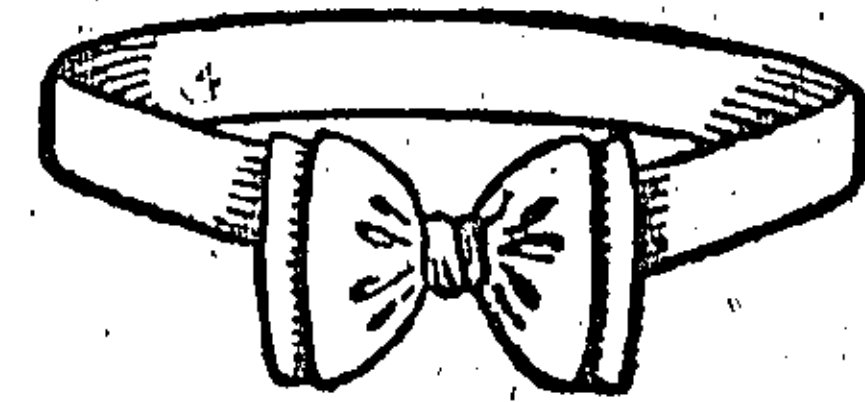


PRETTY SHANGHAI WEDDING.—Group taken after the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral, Shanghai, of Mr. Pierre Max Pfanner and Miss Jeanne Gertrude Wegener. The bridesmaids were Miss Anna Wegener and Miss Annetta Soyka. Mr. W. Diener was the best man.



A HUSKY MASCOT.—Leonard Soppalla, famous dog-team driver (right), presents his stout-hearted lead dog, "Husky the First," to Northeastern University, Boston, as a mascot. President Frank Palmer, head of the institution, is seen congratulating Raymond P. Todd, president of the senior class, upon receipt of Soppalla's gift.

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POPULAR FRENCH MARRIAGE.—Group taken after the wedding at St. Joseph's Church, Shanghai, of Monsieur L. A. Chollet and Mademoiselle Alice Caffarena. The bridesmaid is Mademoiselle Anne-Marie Caffarena and the best man Mr. E. B. McBain.



MEXICAN HEADS CONFER.—General Alvaro Obregon (right) former president of Mexico, is seen imparting to President Calles at the Chapultepec Palace, Mexico City, observations made on Obregon's recent visit to the United States.



NATIONAL HUNT MEETING AT CHELTENHAM.—The first jump in the United Hunts Challenge Cup at Cheltenham, on the first day of the National Hunt Meeting. Of the eleven horses that started in this race, only six finished, Mr. W. Unwin's Alfredo being the winner. (Times copyright).



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All friends of members will be welcome at the Club House. Launches for members and the public will leave Statue Pier every 15 minutes from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m. Launches will be available for the return journey. Championship and other trophies won during the season will be presented during the afternoon.

F. J. EASTERBROOK,
Hon. Secretary,

R. H. K. Y. C.

Hongkong, 26th April, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11 o'clock a.m. (for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.)

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-FIRST ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.15 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from May 4th to May 20th, both days inclusive.

By Order,

of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 20th May, 1927, at 11.20 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1926, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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By Order,

of the Board,

PAUL LAUDER,

General Manager.

Hongkong, April 25th, 1927.

HONGKONG FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CLUBS IN MEMBERSHIP ARE REMINDED THAT ALL SUGGESTED ADDITIONS, ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF THE ABOVE LEAGUE MUST BE SENT IN TO THE UNDERSIGNED NOT LATER THAN May 1st, in accordance with League rule 25.

W. E. HOLLANDS,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 24th April, 1927.

G. R.

PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 2nd day of May, 1927, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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Members and Subscribers, booking at the Pavilion only, have the privilege of obtaining tickets at reduced prices.

Booking will close at the Pavilion on Wednesday, 27th April, at 8 p.m. After above date (27th April) booking will be at Messrs. Moutrie & Co., at ordinary prices. First Semi-Final is fixed for Friday, 29th April.

Above arrangements are subject to weather conditions.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on THURSDAY, 28th April, 1927, at 4 p.m., in the CITY HALL, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1926.
- (2) To elect a new Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,

M. F. KEY,

Secretary.

Hongkong, 20th April, 1927.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. D. O. Russell has been appointed Chairman of the Local Committee and also joint Attorney with Mr. Frank Goodwin, acting Manager, for this Company during the absence on leave of Mr. W. L. Patterson.

By Order,

of the Directors,

L. J. BLACKBURN,

Engineer & Manager.

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NOTICE is hereby given that Mr. Frank Goodwin has been appointed acting Manager of the above Company, with Co-power of Attorney, during my absence on leave.

By Order,

of the Board of Directors,

L. J. BLACKBURN,

Engineer & Manager.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

The Forty-sixth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Tuesday, the 17th May, 1927, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December 1926.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 3rd to the 17th May 1927, both days inclusive.

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Shanghai, April 26.—Excitement prevailed for a short time on Avenue Edward VII yesterday afternoon when Dutch sailors surrounded the Union Club, following a report that the Club was harbouring armed Cantonese soldiers.

In a measure the report was true as four armed Cantonese soldiers, bodyguards of one of the aides of General Bei Chung-hsi, were in the International Settlement and on the premises of the Union Club, but for entirely legitimate reasons.

It all came about when Mr. Fu Siao-on, of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, invited General Bei Chung-hsi to have a tiffin at the Union Club. The invitation was extended several days ago at a time when the General was in Shanghai. General Bei was in Nanking yesterday and sent one of his aides to represent him at the tiffin.

The aide arrived at the Union Club, entering the International Settlement through the French Concession, bringing a bodyguard of four armed soldiers.

He was admitted to the club, and shortly after the rumour spread through immediate sections of the Settlement that armed Cantonese soldiers were holding forth at the club.

Fixed Bayonets.

"Armed Cantonese soldiers, eh?" the Dutch sailors on duty near the club queried. All right. They would make an investigation. They wasted no time. With rifles at the "alert" and bayonets fixed, the sailors advanced on the club. Pedestrians were warned to get out of the way.

Into the club premises the determined sailors went. Up three flights of stairs, bayonets still fixed and men ready for action.

At the top of the third floor the Cantonese soldiers glimpsed the oncoming Dutch sailors. They noted that the rifles of the soldiers were fixed. The Cantonese soldiers thereupon fixed their bayonets and stood ready. If an attack was going to be made upon their General they were ready to defend him.

Fortunately, however, a foreign detective, detailed to preside over the affair, noted the oncoming sailors and the ready Cantonese soldiers. Explanations were in order and the detective readily gave them. The sailors grinned and went away. The Cantonese soldiers removed their bayonets and the tiffin went on.



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Letters and postcards only for the United Kingdom and Europe will be forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

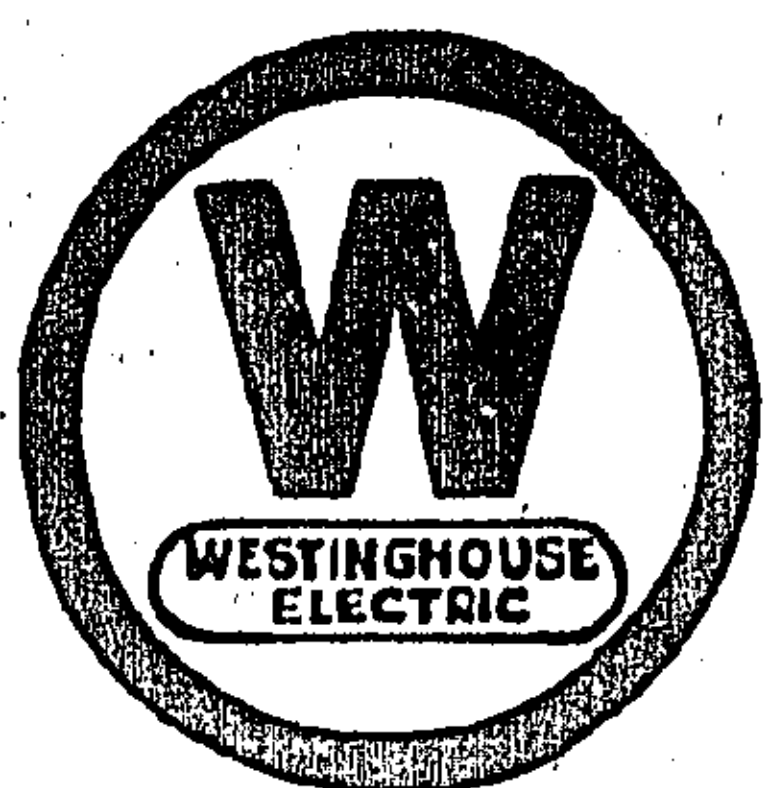
The Radio Telegraph Service between Hongkong and Swatow has been resumed and telegrams for Swatow are now accepted under the same conditions and at the same rates as for Canton.

INWARD MAILS.

From	For	Due
Shanghai	Shanghai	April 27.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Shanghai	April 28.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers)	Shanghai	April 28.
London 81st March, and parcels	Shanghai	April 28.
24th March	Morocco	April 28.
Straits	Nyanza	April 28.
Shanghai	Yingshow	April 28.
Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	April 29.
Straits	Honang	April 29.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	Swatow	May 1.
Manila	Pres. Lincoln	May 1.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. Jefferson	May 2.
Manila	Pres. Grant	May 9.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Empress of Asia	May 9.
Manila	Pres. Garfield	May 9.
Japan and Shanghai	Chenonceaux	May 10.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Swatow	Chenon	Wed., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Hoihow	Dorry	Wed., Apr. 27, 5 p.m.
Straits	Van Heutzs	Thurs., Apr. 28, 10 a.m.
Japan	Anjo Maru	Thurs., Apr. 28, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Thurs., Apr. 28, 10 a.m.
	Parcels	10 a.m.
	Letters	11 a.m.
Saigon	Prosper	Thurs., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Saigon	Haidis	Thurs., Apr. 28, 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Morea	Thurs., Apr. 28, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haining	Fri., Apr. 29, 1 p.m.
Manila, Sandakan, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Aratura	Fri., April 29
	Parcels	noon
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Thursday Island 14th May.)	
Manila	Empress of Asia	Fri., April 29, 3.30 p.m.
	Szechuen	Fri., Apr. 29, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Mexico Maru	Sat., Apr. 30, 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, and South Africa	T'ibedus	Sat., Apr. 30, 1.30 a.m.
Batavia	Seklow Maru	Sat., Apr. 30, 12.30 p.m.
Saigon and Bangkok		
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Parcels	April 29, 5 p.m.
	Malwa	Sat., April 30
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles May 27)	
Amoy	Anhui	Sat., Apr. 30, 5 p.m.
Japan	Hoaing	Sat., Apr. 30, 6 p.m.
Swatow	Knying	Sun., May 1, 8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kaijo Maru	Sun., May 1, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Suwa Maru	Mon., May 2, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow	Yingchow	Mon., May 2, 10.30 a.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Namsang	Mon., May 2
	Parcels	noon
	Letters	1 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Aeneas	Mon., May 2, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Pra. Lincoln	Mon., Apr. 2, 4.30 p.m.
Japan	Hoaing	Mon., May 2, 5 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsung	Mon., May 2, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U. S. A., C. and S. America and Europe via Victoria B. C. and Europe via Siberia	Jefferson	May
	Parcels	3 p.m.
	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	5 p.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., May 23.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hector	Wed., May
	Registration	9.45 a.m.
	Letters	10.30 a.m.
	(Due Marseilles 1st June.)	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles—due Mar- seilles 10th June	Chenonceaux	Tues., May 1
	Reg.	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles, June 10.)	
Manila	Pra. Garfield	Tues., May 10, 5 p.m.
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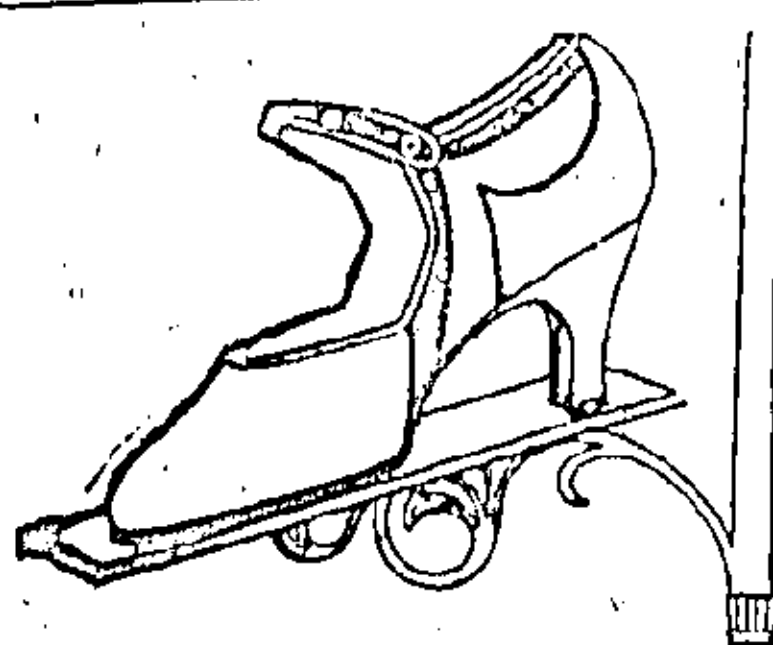
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ACTION IF CONDITIONS WARRANT IT.

Baron Tanaka, new Premier of Japan, made a statement on April 22, in which according to a cable received by the local Consulate General of Japan, he spoke on Japan's foreign affairs as follows:

The most important question at present, urgently and directly affecting Japan and the Far East, is the unsettled conditions in China. Having sincere sympathy with the justifiable desire of the Chinese people, we have no hesitation in giving adequate and necessary assistance toward them for their attaining their desired end, giving thorough attention to the internal and international conditions.

But in helping China, we have to consider first of all, the method and manner. Negligence by foreign Powers in this respect may cause further unrest in China, which is, we believe, under no circumstances desired by the Chinese themselves. So long as the rational and reasonable desires by China are being attained in her relation with foreign Powers, it is by no means advisable for the Chinese people to put China in jeopardy.

Communism.

From the attitude taken by the foreign Powers toward China, I am firmly convinced that they have also no hesitation in acceding to the justifiable demands of China. Under these circumstances, we believe that it is not a difficult task for the Chinese to find a way by which they can attain their desired end, not jeopardizing the relations between foreign Powers and China. It is indeed our earnest desire, to see the Chinese use prudent self-reflection in view of the above.

As to the Communists' activities in China, being in the position apt to be affected directly and seriously, while having great responsibility in maintaining peace and order in the Far East, Japan may be unable to keep standing aloof if there are any serious results. Furthermore, from the viewpoint of promoting peace throughout the world, as well as the welfare of humanity, the Communists' activities in China may be considered a serious matter. So it is quite certain that we will keep in accord with foreign Powers when circumstances, or in other words, the methods taken by the Communists, necessitate Japan to do so. I am safe in saying that such is fully understood by our neighbouring friend, Soviet Russia.

Relations With Powers.

Turning to Japan's relations with foreign Powers, generally speaking, we have no doubt that our economic activities by fair methods and manners will be welcomed by foreign Powers. The new Cabinet is firmly determined and prepared to do their best, hand in hand with foreign Powers, to promote the peace and order of the whole world and the welfare of the human race.

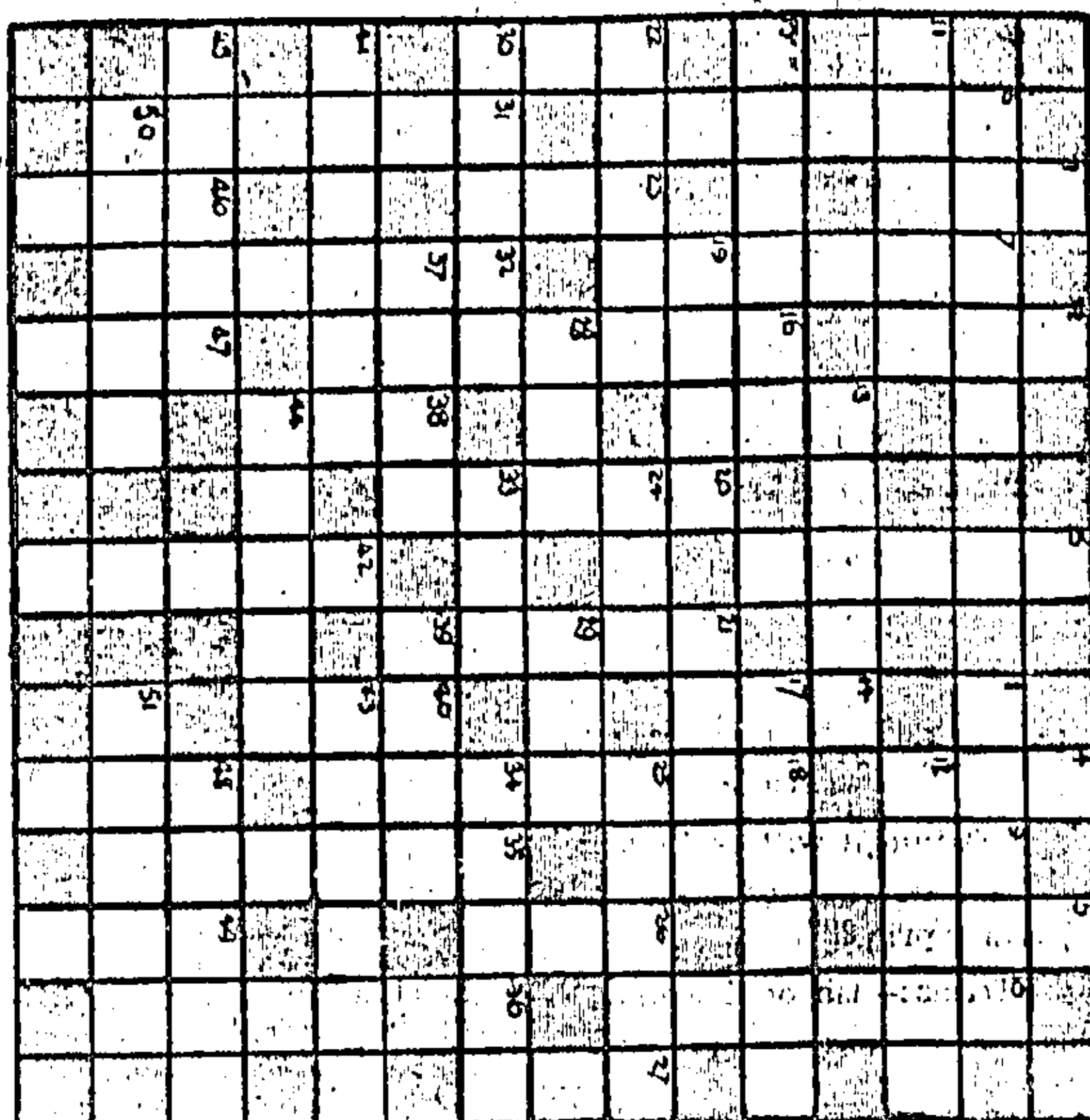
Concerning Japan's internal politics, Baron Tanaka emphasised the need for improving the present unsettled financial conditions promptly, bringing economic prosperity to the nation, improving the administrative system and education, promoting local self-administration, and in maintaining solemnity in juridical practice.

COTTON RESTRICTION.

JAPAN PRODUCERS DECIDE ON CURTAILMENT.

Osaka, April 26.
The General meeting of the Cotton Spinners Association has adopted the curtailment of cotton production. —*Enter.*
Yesterday *Reuter* announced that the Committee had decided to curtail production by fifteen per cent. for six months beginning in May.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



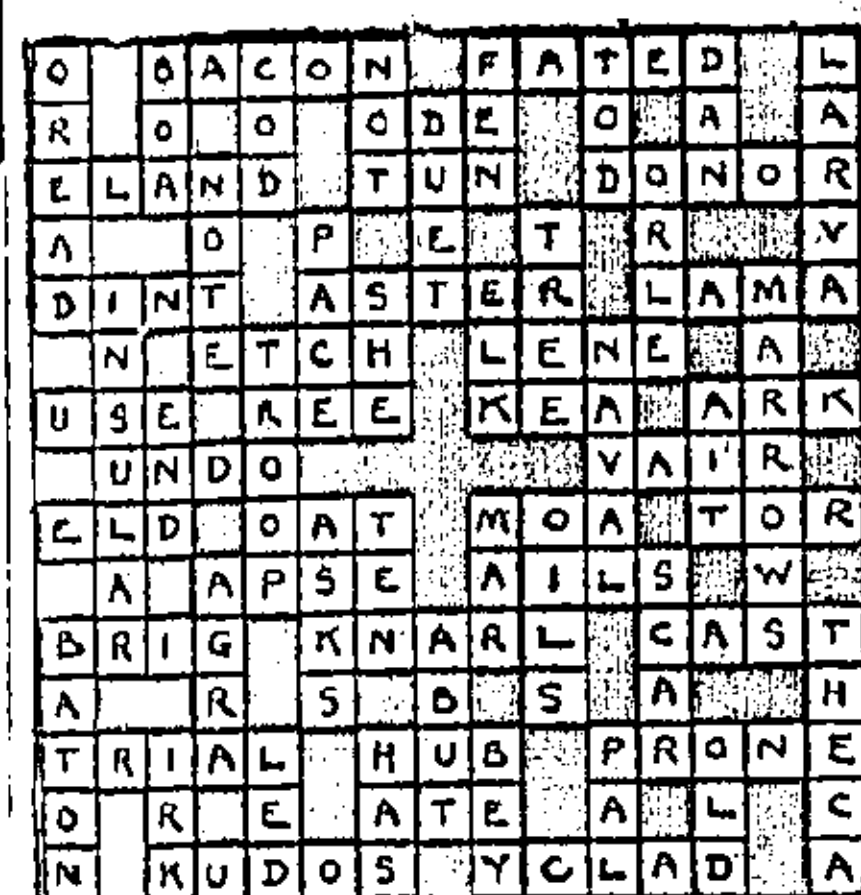
Across.

- 6 Bailiff.
- 8 Radius (Plural).
- 11 French measure.
- 12 Conductor's wand.
- 13 Leaves of Cassia.
- 15 Long step.
- 17 The soul.
- 19 Of trim appearance.
- 21 Used to cook joints on.
- 22 Serpent.
- 24 To learn.
- 25 Willow.
- 28 Turkish commander.
- 29 Wayside halt.
- 30 Roman language.
- 33 Nothing.
- 34 Made easy.
- 37 In eager excitement.
- 39 Where Adam lived.
- 41 Damaged.
- 43 Resembling the rainbow.
- 44 Weird.
- 45 Alcoholic beverage.
- 48 Requirers.
- 50 Indian antelope.
- 51 Stories.

Down.

- 1 Contains moisture.
- 2 Nail.
- 3 Overpowers.
- 4 Vehicle.
- 5 Strike.
- 6 Sleep.
- 7 The State.
- 9 Used in hoisting boats on ship.
- 10 Disinfectant.
- 13 Sale water expense.
- 14 Common adder.

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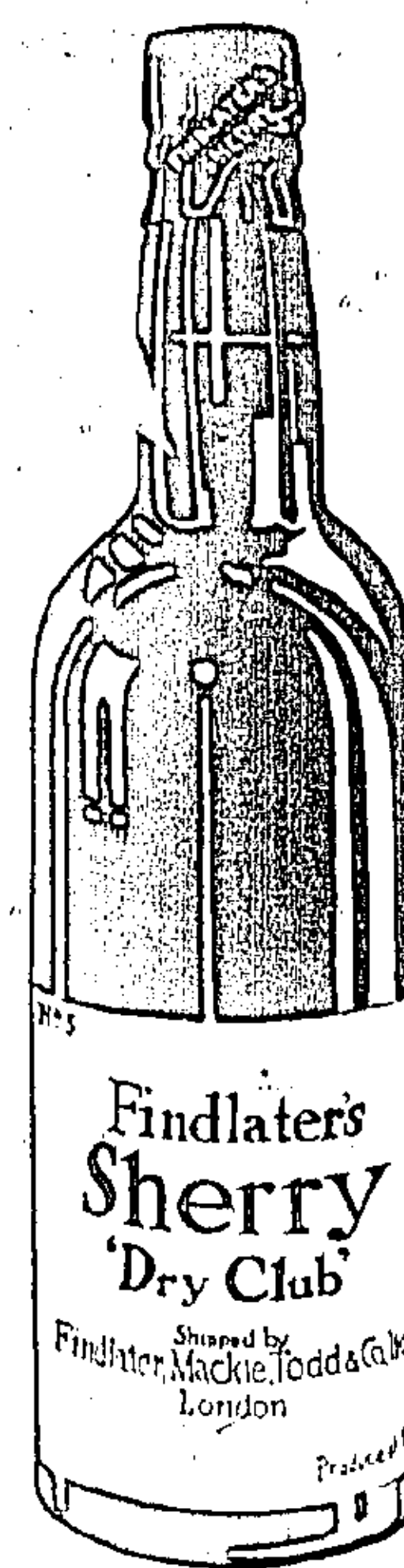
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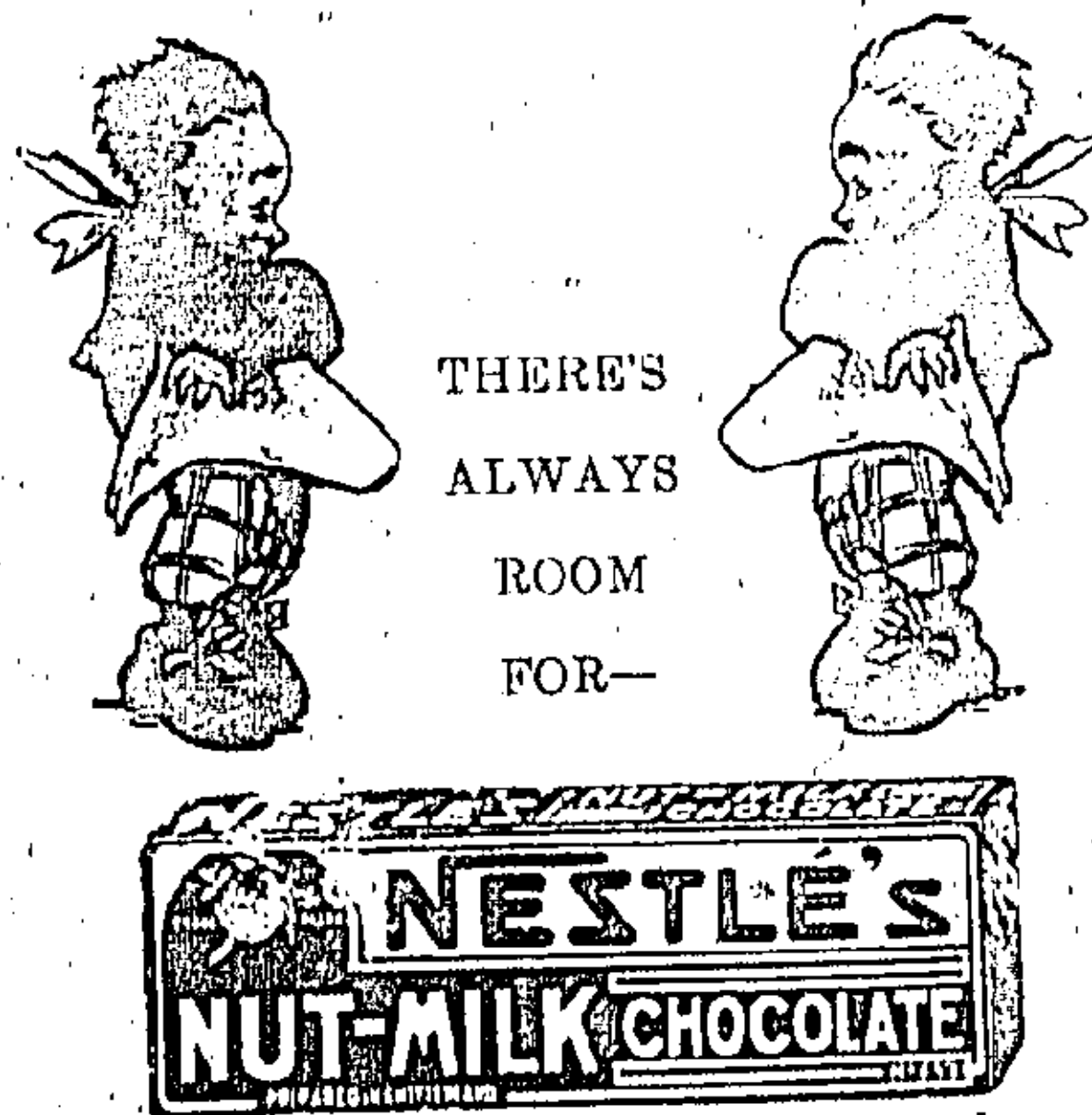
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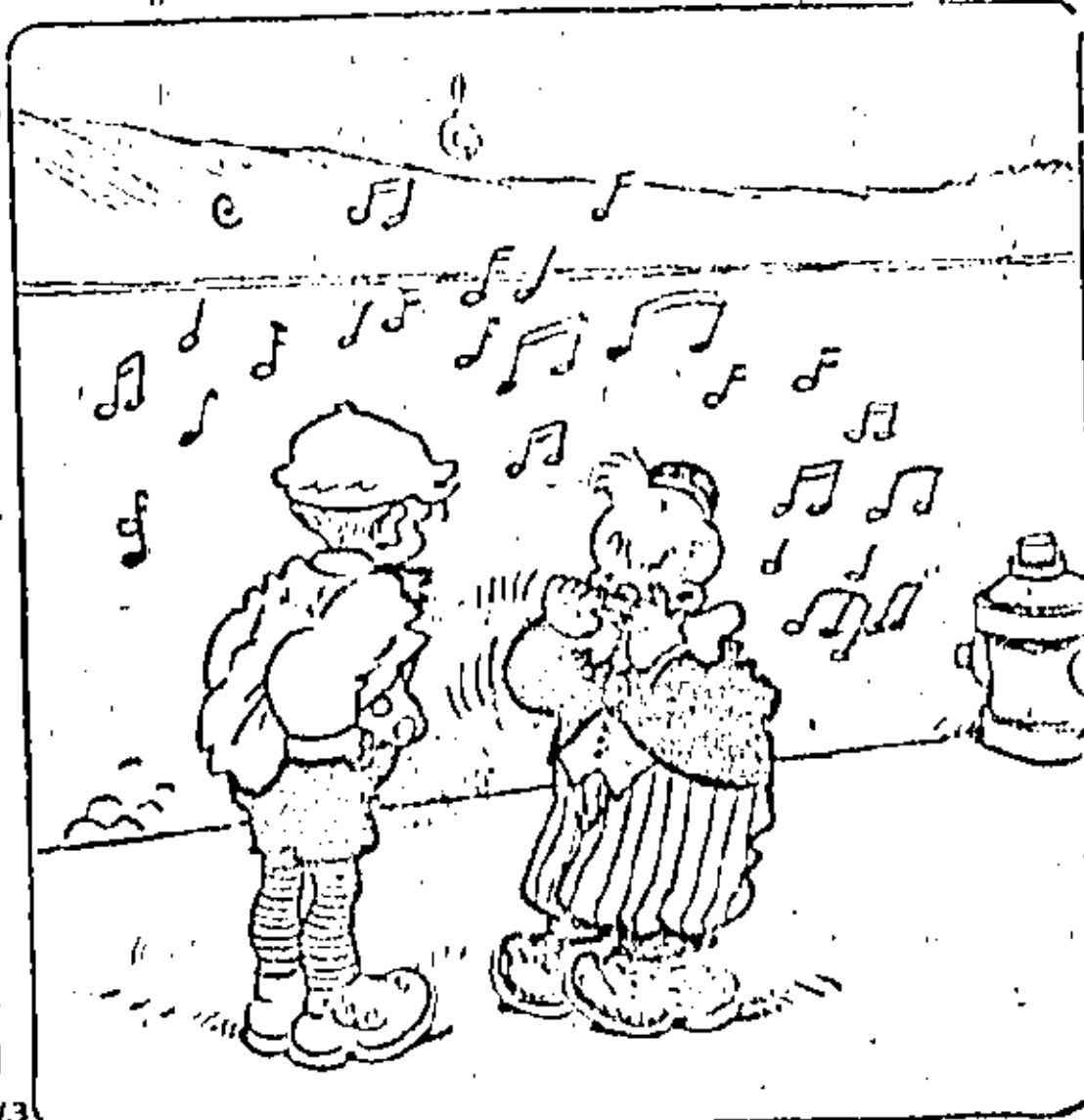
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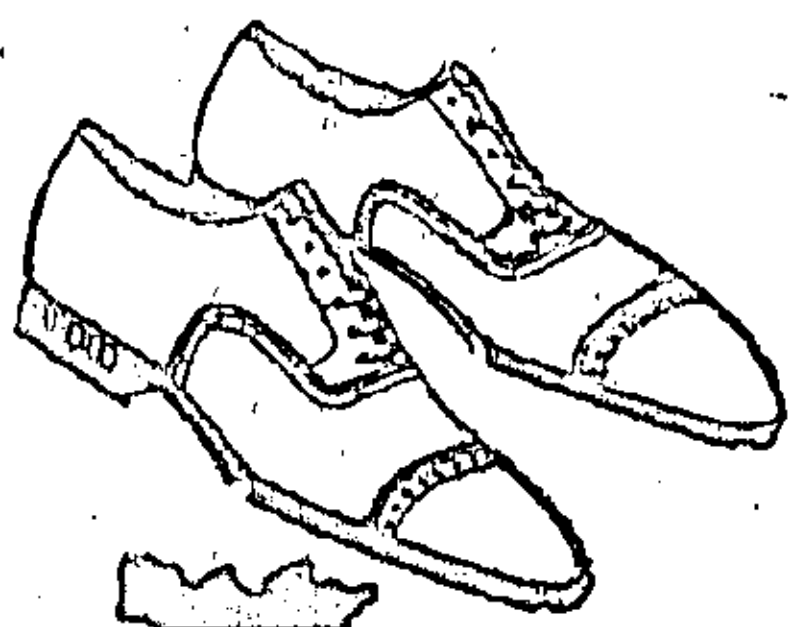
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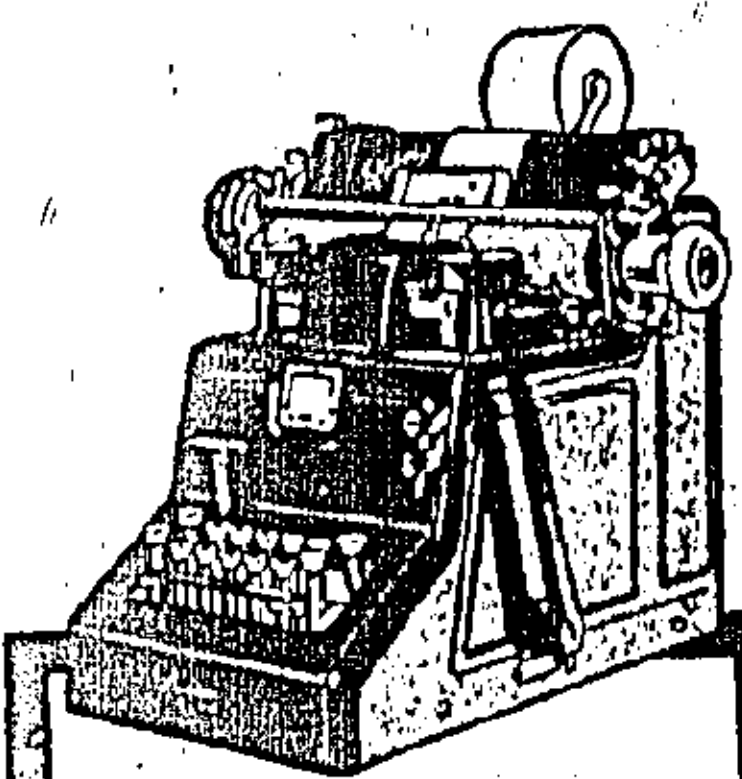
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OUR UNIVERSITY.

In referring to the report which has just been published on the working of the University of Hongkong we would like to congratulate the Vice-Chancellor, Mr. W. W. Hornell, on his very frank and candid review of the real position of the University as an institution of learning. The Vice-Chancellor has now said publicly what a great many people have been thinking and saying privately, namely, that our University is still under-equipped, under-staffed and not nearly well provided with funds enough to perform all that is to be expected from a University so uniquely situated as here in Hongkong. In the past there has been much praise justly bestowed on the management of the University, on the various Vice-Chancellors and on the hard-working staff of professors, lecturers, etc. There has been much creditable achievement and it would be wholly false and erroneous to assume that when the present Vice-Chancellor is indulging in criticism he is doing anything other than indicating the way of further progress. And the value of the present report, the first annual report since the University was opened in 1912, lies in the courage with which the institution's needs are stated and present shortcomings confessed. An annual report which confined itself to a mere recital of facts and figures would, in the present circumstances, have been of little inspiration, but that now published by the Vice-Chancellor tells of requirements, indicates the main lines of future development and gives one the picture of an ideal toward which our University must ever aim if it is fully to justify its foundation.

Whatever else it does, Hongkong University maintains a uniformly high standard in its examinations, and it is stated that work has always been handicapped by the fact that the majority of the students enter the University ill equipped in the practical use of the English language. That is a reminder to the feeder schools and colleges. No-one minimises the difficulties of imparting a practical use of English to Chinese scholars, but the Vice-Chancellor's remarks ought to lead to a raising of the matriculation standard in this subject. There is not one of the pre-

sent three Faculties which does not suffer from being understaffed, the time of the tutorial body being almost wholly taken up with the actual routine of teaching, leaving little time for that research and enquiry which is so essential a part of a seat of learning. There is no need here to recapitulate all the needs made manifest by the report, but one cannot read it through without realising that the present Vice-Chancellor and his staff have a very clear idea regarding the ideal institution into which our University should develop. There is a ready recognition that educational work is 'always more or less a disappointment to those who are engaged in it—the possibilities are so immense, the achievements so meagre, but it is true to say that our University here has always had to live from hand to mouth in a manner that has neither added to its dignity nor smoothed its working. There is a well-intentioned pointer in the Vice-Chancellor's remark that "it is surely not a matter of indifference to Britishers who live or are interested in China that the British University of Hongkong is at this moment probably the only University in this part of the world which is carrying on its work in peace." There is a solid foundation somewhere, worthy of all the support that can be given it.

Indiscriminate Shooting.

The firing by a Southern battery on a United States warship on the Yangtze, reported yesterday, and of which the last has evidently not been heard, marks one of the most serious of such events that have occurred during the past few months. The shooting in this case is described as being apparently "deliberate and malicious," and it certainly appears to have been a case of wanton provocation. In our issue of yesterday we also had a report of the British gunboat Cockchafer being fired upon with rifles, the snipers being silenced with the vessel's machine-guns. There was a time when such incidents were considered tantamount to acts of war, and the gravest view was taken of them. The public learning of this kind of defiance of another nation's flag, would only a year or two ago have been all agog as to "what would follow. Often, such incidents were glossed over by the Chinese authorities of former days with the excuse that irresponsible rebels or brigands were the culprits and an apology or indemnity were sufficient to end the matter. So serious has the anti-foreign demonstration been in the past few months, however, that one's perspective of such events has quite altered, and the tendency is almost to accept these occurrences as part of the general Chinese unrest. Obviously, however, such deliberate and indiscriminate attempts to kill foreigners, which are in contravention of all international rights, cannot be permitted to continue, and a point has been reached where the Chinese troops, whatever side they may be fighting for, must be taught that firing on foreign ships is an act calling for immediate and drastic punitive measures.

CORRESPONDENCE.

A RAMBLING CLUB.

[To the Editor, Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—I am most interested in "Ramblers" letter of yesterday. A Rambling Club would be a very useful institution, and probably also quite entertaining. I agree with him that Summer is a good walking time, for there is no necessity to walk in the hottest part of the day, and I have gone on more walks during the hot weather than in the winter.—Yours, etc.,

SHERE KIAN.
Hongkong, April 26, 1927.

Sir,—I have read "Ramblers" suggestion as to a Rambling Club with very much interest and it should be well worth developing. Personally I know there are disadvantages in—
Walking by your wild long, And waving your wild tail In the wild wet woods all by yourself.—Yours, etc., CAT.

Hongkong, April 26, 1927.

DAY BY DAY.

ENGINEERS ARE THE PIONEERS OF CIVILISATION, AND THEY ARE FROM THE VERY NATURE OF THEIR CALLING, EMPIRE-BUILDERS IN A WAY WHICH MEMBERS OF NO OTHER PROFESSION CAN BE.—James C. Inglis.

There were two Chinese casts of typhoid fever reported yesterday.

The Ben Line s.s. Benlimes from England, via ports, is due here on Monday.

The P. and O. s.s. Malwa is expected from Shanghai early on Friday morning.

A thief entered No. 6 Gutzlaff Street on Monday night and stole \$115 belonging to a Chinese tenant, named Henry Lewis.

The weather forecast issued by the Royal Observatory up till noon to-morrow is:—"Light variable winds, fine to cloudy."

The s.s. Empress of Asia which is due here from Shanghai to-morrow afternoon at four o'clock, will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon wharf.

H. E. the Governor has accepted an invitation to attend the annual meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce to be held in the City Hall to-morrow afternoon.

A Chinese coxswain, employed on the lighter Sam Pat Yat, was removed to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, with head injuries received by falling into the hold of the lighter.

This morning's Harbour Office returns gave 17 arrivals and 23 departures, of which nine and seven respectively were British. There remain 66 vessels in harbour, of which 23 are British.

A foki, employed at a Chinese imports and exports office at No. 210 Wing Lok Street, is alleged to have disappeared with \$6,000 which was to have been paid over to the San Tung Yick shop at Bonham Strand East.

Sub-inspector A. Nicoll, traffic police, Kowloon, is going on Home leave to-morrow by the s.s. Anyo Maru. He is making the journey via America. During his absence his deputy will be acting Sub-inspector A. W. Smith.

At the Marine Court this morning, Lo Lin, the steersman of a trading junk, pleaded guilty to a charge of mooring his craft inside the Cable Reserve at Douglas Wharf, and was fined \$15, with the alternative of two weeks' imprisonment.

Consequent on a severe beating a little Chinese boy was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to the legs. The boy's step-mother, who is alleged to have administered the chastisement, is being held by the police, pending her appearance before the magistrate.

The Political Department of the Army Headquarters at Shanghai has issued orders to organize a "Ching Tang" Movement—that is, to clear out all radical elements from the Kuomintang—in all the schools and colleges of Shanghai. All students refusing to join such a movement are to be ousted, says the Canton Gazette.

By order of the Special Committee of the Canton Government the mass meeting scheduled for Monday was postponed until to-day. The meeting will partake of a double purpose. In addition to celebrating the suppression of the extremists from the Party, the meeting will also celebrate the removal of the Nationalist capital to Nanking.

YOUNG THIEVES.

ATTEMPTED TO ROB QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Two Chinese boys, who were caught in the compound of Queen's College as a result of a special watch being kept subsequent to the occurrence of a number of thefts from the College, were charged with trespassing before Major C. Willson this morning.

It was stated that when discovered, after six o'clock last night, the elder boy was supporting his companion on his shoulders, in a position which suggested that they were endeavouring to enter the first floor of the building by climbing the waterspout.

Defendant's explanation for this was that they were trying to recover a ball which a student had kicked into the building from the street.

Found guilty on the charge, the elder boy was sentenced to six weeks, while his companion was ordered to receive eight strokes of the birch.

CHINESE IN MOSCOW.

BEING TAUGHT "NEW GOSPEL."

M. Jules Sauerwein, foreign director of the *Matin*, who is on his way via Russia to China has contributed to his paper a striking description of the Chinese University at Moscow, to which M. Radek, its "Rector," gave him admission, writes the London correspondent of the *Yorkshire Post*.

He attended one of the lectures, sitting among a crowd of Chinese students of both sexes, who included the son of the Nationalist General, Chiang Kai-shek, and the son and daughter of the "Christian" General Feng. Almost all students were Southern Chinese.

The most interesting feature of M. Sauerwein's description relates to the views expressed to him by some of the Chinese students who could converse in French. They explained that in French, German, or American high schools they could get admitted a magnificent education, but it would not resolve their primary problem, which is economic. It was explained to Mr. Sauerwein that, though the parents of the majority of these children own little properties, they are practically all so hopelessly encumbered with debts that the interest on mortgages, combined with high taxation, consumes 80 per cent. of their meagre revenues. Therefore, when he asked why they were sent to Moscow, they replied, "Because we must find a remedy."

The remedy, as inculcated by Radek, is "liberation from the oppression of foreign capitalism; then deliverance of small properties from the tyranny of the money-lender; and then, finally, social reconstruction." The Moscow teaching thus appears to offer them a "new gospel," a solution of the pressing every-day problem confronting them in almost every village, and this interests them more than discussions about Communism, towards which, says M. Sauerwein, they display the profoundest indifference.

There are at present 600 students, including 50 girls, but M. Radek declared that he expected the Chinese eventually to provide between £100,000 and £500,000 for a much larger University.

DISARMAMENT.

DISAPPOINTING END TO DISCUSSIONS.

Geneva, April 26.

The session of the Disarmament Committee has closed. Count Bernstorff, speaking to journalists, declared that the various Governments, by their instructions to their delegates, had shown very little zeal for the disarmament proposals submitted.

He foreshadowed only a slight change in their armaments as a result of the committee's labours, and this would disappoint public opinion, which was awaiting real disarmament.

The League of Nations would lose its authority if it failed in this task. The world was awaiting security by disarmament. The Assembly of the League, and the public opinion of the world, must influence the Governments, so that a result might be reached.—*Reuter*.

Air Armaments Problem.

London, April 26.

Speaking at a banquet given by the Government to members of the International Conference on Air Navigation, Sir Samuel Hoare, the Secretary for Air, said we in England had hitherto taken the view that the best hope of success for restriction of air armaments was to move step by step rather than to attempt at once a solution of a great and complicated problem.

This was why the British representative at Geneva had proposed to deal first with that side of the problem that was most urgent, and that appeared to be the most simple, namely the risk to the great cities of Europe from sudden attacks of air forces within reach of them.

Other countries did not agree with us. They wished rather that all questions connected with air armaments be simultaneously taken into account. In deference to their wishes the British Government had modified its original position.

"None the less, dangerous lest it will be found that when in the final stages of treaty the actual question of the numbers of machines comes to be settled, this widening of the problem will force the nations to put in very high demands for their own requirements, or will stifle the whole problem in a maze of complexities. I hope I may be proved wrong. I need not say that, even though the views of the British Government have not been fully accepted at Geneva, we shall none the less try to work loyally upon any basis that may finally be approved."—*British Wireless*.

The Very Idea!

A languid lady drifted into a dog-dealer's shop and looked round vaguely.

"I want a dog," she said. "I don't quite know the sort of dog—at least I don't know what they're called. A head rather like a bulldog, you know, and the rest like a fox-terrier, only rather shaggy hair and funny markings. Do you keep any dogs like that?"

"No, mum," said the shopkeeper emphatically. "We drown 'em."

There once was a fellow called Tate. Who dined with a mate at eight-eight, But I cannot now state what the fellow called Tate. And the mate ate at eight-eight tete-a-tete.

Boy of fifteen at Willesden; I spoke to father, and of course he took my advice.

Bow debtor: I have no time to work; is all taken up with making arrangements with my pressing creditors.

Motor-car driver at Bow County Court: A miracle occurred directly after the accident—a policeman arrived.

A man at Willesden addressed the policeman who arrested him as "Friend."

Mr. Samuel Pope, the Clerkenwell magistrate: Routine and red tape are things I detest.

Woman at a midland court: I live with my sister—Solicitor: Does any one else live in the house?—Woman: No, only my husband.

A City hat-shape maker, who was summoned at the Guildhall Police Court yesterday for not paying his rates, said that his business was ruined by women having their hair shingled and bobbed.

The latest from the classroom:—Teacher—"What is meant by the phrase 'a bolt from the blue'?" Pupil (after some cogitation)—"Running away from the policeman."

A writer on masculine etiquette states that if you are not invited to leave your hat in the hall "you will keep it in your hand. You will never, of course, keep it on your head while in the house."

Other useful don'ts for hat-wearers are: (a) Don't drop your cigarette in it; (b) don't sit on it; and (c) don't hurl it about the room unnecessarily.

Nearly 100,000 people per week in Great Britain need examination for spectacles.—Mr. Owen Aves.

Might not community singing be practised in Cabinet meetings to cultivate a little more harmony?—Mr. R. A. Taylor, M.P.

Once this country gets into its head that battleships are no use the security of trade and the Dominions of this Empire will vanish.—Vice-Admiral Sir A. E. M. Chatfield.

"It is now established," says the *Chemical Age*, "that detonation in an engine using liquid fuel is of chemical origin, being due to the formation of organic peroxides which become concentrated in the unclean drops during compression, and ignite them simultaneously when the detonation temperature of the peroxide is reached."

Apply that principle to the question of whether waitresses in cafes should have their hair bobbed, and the problem is solved.

"What are you studying now?" asked the rich mother.

"We have taken up the subject of molecules," answered her son.

"I hope you will be very attentive, and practise constantly," she said. "I tried to get your father to wear one, but he could not keep it in his eye."

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, April 26.

Paris	124
Brussels	24.93
Amsterdam	12.13%
Berlin	20.49
Copenhagen	18.21
Vienna	34.54%
Helsingfors	192%
Lisbon	2/17/32
Bucharest	740
Buenos Aires	47%
Shanghai	1/11%
Yokohama	4.85 2/32
New York	25.25
Geneva	89%
Milan	18.15
Stockholm	18.79%
Oslo	103%
Prague	27.59%
Madrid	304%
Athens	1/5 2/32
Rio	2/0 7/16
Bombay	26 1/16
Hongkong	26 1/16
Silver (spot)	28 15/16
Silver (forward)	—

—British Wireless.

NANKING LOOT.

STOLEN MOTOR CARS RECEIVED.

GENERAL'S SON CHARGED.

Two Chinese made their appearance before Judge Yu and Dr. F. Ramondino, the Senior Consul's Deputy, at the Special Provisional Court, Shanghai, last Friday, charged with receiving motor cars which they knew to be stolen or otherwise unlawfully obtained.

Two chauffeurs who were brought before the Court on the previous day were also present.

Mr. F. W. Goldring, Assistant Prosecuting Solicitor, appeared on behalf of the Police, and the accused were not represented by counsel.

In outlining the case, Mr. Goldring informed the Judge that the first two accused were before the Court on Thursday and the third and fourth (Chang Yuan-chu, 19, a student, the son of General Chang Hui-tz, commander of the 2nd Division of the 4th Nationalist Army, and Liang Wang-chi, 30, the general's servant) were arrested on Thursday when they went to the police station to claim the cars. The third accused was a student of the Kuang Hua University in Great Western Road and the son of the general mentioned.

A General's Pass. The fourth accused was in charge of a pass from Gen. Chang, as well as another pass from the same general allowing the safe passage through the Cantonese lines of three motor cars which were brought to Shanghai from Nanking. On Thursday, continued counsel, the Court dealt with the first two cars and the third car had now been proved to be the property of the Civil Governor of Chihli. This car was stored at the Horse Bazaar by the third accused, the general's son.

At the Horse Bazaar, this accused gave his name as Skeleton W. Jang and he signed the storage document by this name. The fourth accused was only the chauffeur who brought the cars down from the father in Nanking to the son. Counsel would ask the Court to remand the case when both charges could be brought up together.

Chihli Governor's Car. Det.-Sgt. Widdowson then testified that the third and fourth accused came to Gordon Road police station to see witness on Thursday. Witness saw the third accused when he returned to the station and he asked witness if it was possible to release the first and second accused as they had nothing to do with the receiving of the cars. He said the fourth accused wished to take all the blame on himself for bringing the cars to Shanghai. Witness then took the third accused to the Horse Bazaar and showed him the storage contract, which he admitted having signed. Witness took the engine number of the car and was later informed that Honigsborg's Garage had supplied this machine to the Civil Governor of Chihli in February this year. This car was brought to Shanghai from Nanking along with the two others which the police also knew were stolen.

With Tls. 8,000. In answer to the Judge, witness said that he was not sure the car had been stolen from the Governor of Chihli but it was sold to him and, as it came to Shanghai with the two other cars, he presumed that it had been stolen. The third accused said that the cars were lost taken from the retreating Northern army and that they were sent to him by his father, the general. The police, however, had information that the Northern army had left Nanking before the cars were stolen. The total value of the three cars was Tls. 8,000.

Mr. Goldring asked the Court to notice the value of the cars when fixing bail for the third accused, he and his father were the people responsible for stealing the cars.

The Judge—The first two cars have already been returned to their owners.

General's Responsibility. Mr. Goldring—But the third accused and his father, the general, are responsible for stealing the cars and I can point out to the Court that the Horse Bazaar document shows that third accused was trying to dispose of the car.

Questioned by the Judge, the second accused said he was a student at Kuang Hua University. The car belonged to his father and he knew nothing about it. He was a student and not concerned in the matter. The fourth accused told him the car was out of order and so witness sent it to the Horse Bazaar to be repaired.

In answer to the Judge, the fourth accused stated that he brought the cars to Shanghai. He was ordered on April 9 by a high official to do this and he had to obey orders. His orders were to bring the cars to Shanghai for repairs and hand them over to whoever presented a proper chit to him. He did not know who the cars belonged to.

The case was then remanded until Monday.

EMPTY PLEDGES.

FUTILITY OF AGREEMENTS.

The following article from its Diplomatic Correspondent appeared in the Daily Telegraph on March 28:—

It is hardly surprising that the graphic stories of the outrages perpetrated at Nanking by the Cantonese soldiery against British, American and Japanese nationals, including women, should have caused such a stir in both the United States and Japan, where the particulars were first officially given out, as to have led both Governments to approach the British Government with a suggestion for the joint consideration of the matter and of the measures to be taken in connexion therewith. A joint diplomatic move may be expected, but any protest would be futile were it not accompanied by a stern demand for signal redress by the Cantonese Government, and a warning to the latter of the drastic punishment which any repetition of these outrages would immediately entail.

Impressively frank as are the statements made by Mrs. Giles, Mr. Brown, and other eye-witnesses and sufferers, including Japanese, such statements are yet bound, for obvious reasons—at any rate in their published form—to avoid the most revolting details of the treatment meted out to some of the women members of the foreign colonies.

A Hideous Affront.

It is first and foremost the indignities inflicted upon the women that has prompted the American Government to despatch forthwith two squadrons of aeroplanes to Shanghai. For nowhere is the view held more strongly than in American circles that this hideous affront to womanhood should not be allowed to go unpunished, and still less to be repeated. The Cantonese Government and its soldiery would be wise to take the hint at once, without waiting until it is formally conveyed by the joint representatives of the Powers concerned, and possibly others, for the Diplomatic Body at Peking is, I learn, discussing fresh methods of common defence and action.

Meanwhile, the situation on the Middle Yangtze, despite occasional lulls in the storm, is going from bad to worse. Even at Kinkiang, where a so-called "agreement," which, of course, has not been respected by the Cantonese, was recently concluded between Mr. O'Malley and the now thoroughly discredited Mr. Chen, there remain but 12 British subjects, five American citizens, and five foreigners of other nationalities, belonging to the Customs service, and they may be instructed to evacuate the place at any moment. At Hankow itself all preparations have been made for the evacuation of the remnant of the British colony.

These circumstances show exactly what has all along been pointed out in the Daily Telegraph, namely, the worthlessness of Cantonese pledges, and the futility of any agreements and negotiations with the Southern Government, which is daily becoming more Bolshevik and Communist in its methods.

Dr. Troška, Berlin investigator, has computed the amount of energy consumed in masticating an ordinary morsel of meat and declares it amounts to a pressure of 800 pounds. He also found that a dog biting a bone expended energy equal to 3,200 pounds.

FATAL FINAL TEST.



During the final test prior to an attempt to make a non-stop flight from New York to Paris, Lieut.-Commr. Noel Davis, shown above, and his companion, were killed instantly when their giant biplane crashed yesterday.

PEKING REPLIES.

REJECTS THE SOVIET DEMANDS.

THE SEDITION DOCUMENTS.

Peking, April 19.—With reference to the protest of the Soviet Government dated April 10 filed with the Peking Government, the Waichiapou forwarded a Note to the Moscow Government on April 16, refuting the protest of the Moscow Government.

Declaring at the outset that the search of an Embassy has not a few precedents in other countries, the Soviet Government itself once conducted such a search, the Note proceeds to say that the reason why the Chinese soldiery searched the former Russian garrison is that some disquieting elements nestled in the building and attempted to overthrow the Chinese Government and to create disturbances in the Capital, by forming an organ, which is obviously a violation of the Russo-Chinese Convention as of International Law.

The Chinese Government, therefore, was compelled to carry out the search in self-defence, it states, and as a result of the search the Chinese Government has seized a copy of rules and regulations, seals, name-lists, other documentary evidence, and a large number of arms, including machine-guns, rifles and bullets, which were all intended for creating disturbances, as well as documents which show plots between disorderly persons and the Moscow Government.

Moscow Connexion.

The Note declares that they were all seized from organs under the control of the Soviet Government and organs secretly connected with Moscow.

The Note proceeds: "How can the Soviet Embassy be free from the responsibility for an attempt to overthrow the Chinese Government and to create disturbances in the Capital by sheltering those mischievous elements? The Chinese Government is now conducting the examination of the articles seized and the persons arrested, and it will take proper steps upon the completion of the examination."

The Note concludes by saying that the Chinese Government cannot accept the four demands set forth in the Soviet Note.

Incriminating Evidence.

Peking, April 21.—The Soviet Note containing the protest and the demands regarding the Embassy raid was handed to the Chinese Charge d'Affaires at Moscow on April 10 for transmission to Peking.

The Waichiapou on April 16 wired the Charge d'Affaires at Moscow instructing him to hand a reply to the Soviet Government stating that the raid was carried out on premises outside the Embassy proper and the Chinese police scrupulously refrained from entering the Embassy. It is true, says the reply, that diplomats enjoy special immunities but that does not confer the right to carry on illegal practices.

Even a casual preliminary examination of the documents seized disclosed much incriminating evidence such as arms, communistic propaganda and extensive secret correspondence from all parts of the country showing that an object was the undermining of the Chinese Government's authority.

Careful examination of the documents is still going on, says the Note, and hence the Chinese Government has no way of complying with the demands of the Soviet Note.

OVERSLEPT.

WOKE UP AT SEA.

A Japanese, who was working on board the s.s. Arafura as tally-man and interpreter at Moji during the steamer's call at that port, was stated to have fallen asleep and on awaking again found that the vessel had left port on its way to Hongkong, where the man was handed over to the Police as a stowaway.

He was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, when a representative from the Japanese Consulate guaranteed to be responsible for the defendant and send him back to Japan by the first available steamer.

On the Police being satisfied with the story told by the defendant, his Worship discharged the accused.

EGYPTIAN CABINET.

NEW MINISTRY FORMED.

Cairo, April 26. The new Ministry has been constituted, with Sarwat Pasha as Premier and Minister of the Interior, and Morocco Hanna Pasha as Foreign Minister.—Reuter.

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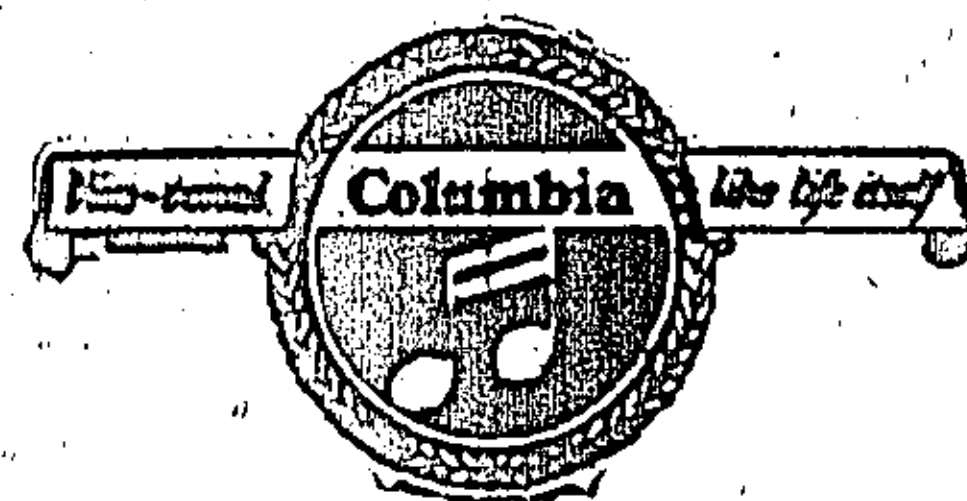


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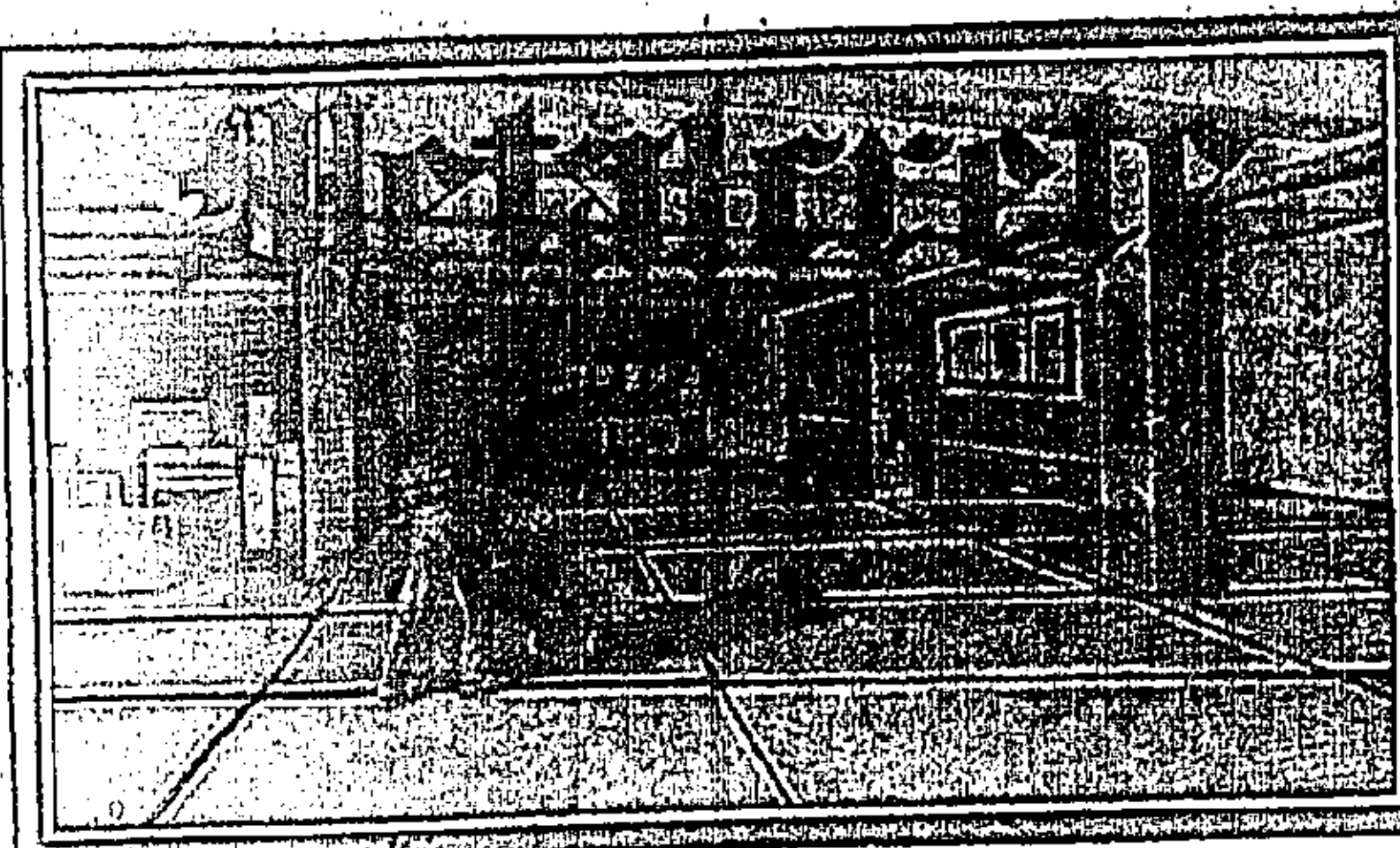
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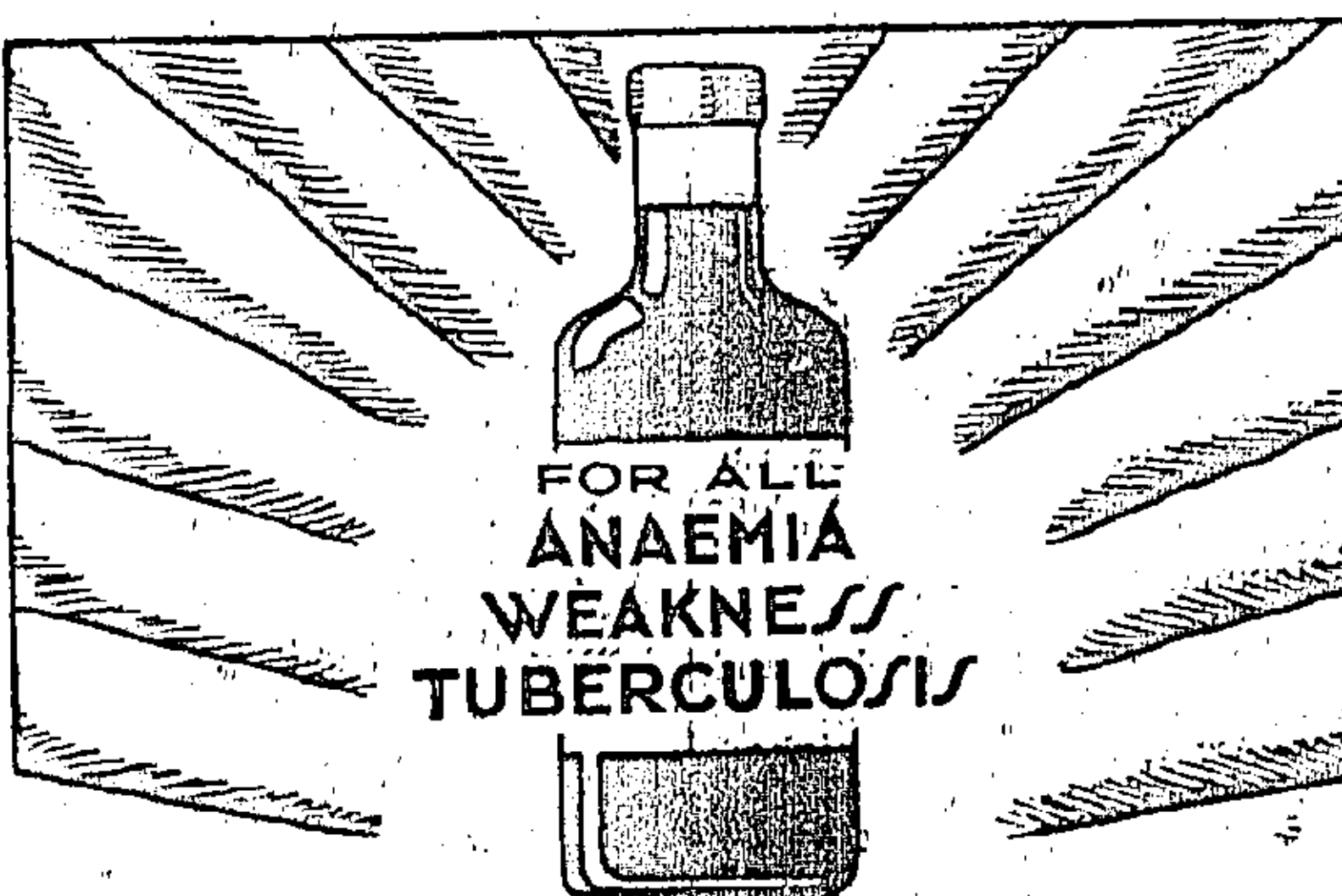
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THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

ADVERSE EFFECT OF CHINA TROUBLE.

At the annual meeting of the Hongkong auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society, which was held at the Helena May Institute under the chairmanship of H. E. Major General C.C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., last evening, reference was made to the difficult missionary conditions existing in China at the present, and the excellent work that the Society was doing. The meeting was preceded by a tea.

Supporting the chairman were the Rev. G.W. Sheppard, agent in China of the British and Foreign Bible Society, Doctor J.H. Montgomery, of Amoy, and Doctor T.W. Pearce, secretary.

The meeting opened with a hymn, after which the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald offered prayer.

Doctor Pearce then commented on the annual report, which was published in these columns yesterday, after which the chairman called on Mr. J.L. McPherson to present the statement of accounts, in place of Dr. J. H. Sanders, who was unable to be present.

Mr. McPherson said it would appear from the statement of accounts that compared with former years their receipts were smaller, but that was due to the fact that last year they changed the closing of the financial year to December 31st, instead of March 1st of the following year.

The Hongkong Depot.

The Rev. G.W. Sheppard delivered a powerful and inspiring address in which he paid tribute to the great work performed by the Society.

First of all he congratulated the two secretaries and treasurer, although the latter was not present, for the sustained interest in the Hongkong auxiliary, and particularly for the success of the work done here in the maintenance of the Bible and Tract Depot.

When they came to read the report, they would find that one of the most encouraging features was the continued and growing success of the Hongkong Bible and Tract Depot. He would like to express on their behalf their appreciation of the work of the lady who had been in charge of that depot, Mrs. Bailey.

It was his pleasure in Shanghai to assure them of the appreciation of people, particularly Service men, of the great welcome they had received when visiting the depot in Hongkong.

He would also like to speak words of appreciation of the steady and generous support which the Hongkong churches gave to the Society. Their collections year by year were generous, and he was sure their contributions were made with a glad heart.

He also expressed appreciation for the ladies who had organised private donations on behalf of the Society, which had materially helped to swell the funds.

He continued that the annual meeting of the Society was to be held in the Queen's Hall, London on Wednesday next, when the principal speaker would be the Prime Minister, Mr. Stanley Baldwin. It had almost become the standard practice at the annual meeting in London to have as the principal speaker, a Cabinet Minister. It was also usual for the President of the Society to be a member of the Royal Family, the present one being H.R.H. The Duke of Connaught.

State Organisation.

The Society was a state organisation, which was supported by the aristocracy. One had to be careful during the present times to say anything which might suggest to some people that the Bible Society was maintained by Imperialism or Capitalism, but those present would know that the larger share came, not from the gifts of the wealthy, but from the smaller amounts which were contributed by the poorer people in the Homeland.

The Society was rooted in the life of all Christian people, and was loyally supported by the Salvation Army, also by the highest dignitaries of the Church.

Referring to conditions in China, Mr. Sheppard went on to say that their people in China had to face dangers, some had drawn back, but the great majority heroically held on, and the result of the year's work when it came to statistics was that they were only a small fraction below the record year in the history of the Society.

In South China perhaps the biggest feature of the year's work was the issue of the Revised Cantonese New Testament, which Mr. P.C. Jenkin and Mr. T.M. Wong, of the Church Missionary Society had been engaged in for several years. The work was completed the year before last.

The first edition was published by the American Bible Society and the 5,000 copies had practically been sold out, and a second edition was immediately necessary. It had given great satisfaction to the Cantonese Churches.

An interesting feature about the work was that the proof reading was so accurately done that there was scarcely a fault in any

of the characters throughout. From the point of view of book production in Chinese, that in itself was something of a record.

Obstacles and Disasters.

Coming to the present year, he continued that the first three or four months of the year had brought them far greater obstacles and seeming disasters than occurred throughout the year 1926. They were aware that the greater part of the provinces of China were now bereft of missionaries. They had been ordered to withdraw from different places, but they had a consolation, the missionaries might be withdrawn, even though it might be with persecution, even if the churches themselves were driven underground, yet the Christian religion would not be eradicated from China. The book would survive in the homes of the people, and wherever the Book had been translated into the language of the people, never in history had it been eradicated.

Into over 700 languages the Scriptures had been translated, and with regard to last year the Scriptures in the English language sold amounted to one and three quarters million. During the past five years there had been a steady increase in the number of English bibles. As compared with 1920 double the number of English bibles were sold last year.

He said he wondered whether the bible was being read to-day as it was being read in the last generation, as to whether it was a factor in the home and the personal life of even churchmen. At the present time there was intense interest in the bible and more intelligence and understanding of the Scriptures was shown, as to the direction in which it led them. With the increasing sales of the Book, there was that which encouraged them to believe that it would go on to take a deeper and yet more worthy place in their national life.

He went on to announce that a special service would be held when offerings would be taken for the purpose of providing testaments for the Service men in China. He understood that a New Testament was part of the equipment which Service men received but yet it often happened that the original copy was left behind or forgotten. The Y.M.C.A. had requested them to send 1,000 pocket testaments for Hongkong and 6,000 for Shanghai.

Concluding he thanked the Hongkong friends for their con-

tinued interest and loyal support. The present were hard days for people in China, especially for business people, but yet he was proud to think that Hongkong not only cherished its British traditions, but it also cherished the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

He proposed that the annual report and statement of accounts be adopted. This was seconded by the chairman and carried unanimously.

New Office Bearers.

The Rev. J. H. Montgomery, of Amoy, in proposing Office Bearers, spoke of the aims of the Society remarking they had no distinctions of colour or religion, and geographically there was no limit to their field of operations. He added, it was doing a wonderful work in China, and it ought to be supported and encouraged as never before.

He proposed that Dr. T. W. Pearce, LL. D., and Rev. F. Short be elected as hon. secretaries of the Auxiliary, and Dr. J. Herbert Sanders as hon. treasurer for the current year, and that the committee for the same period be the ladies and gentlemen whose names appeared in the report, with power to add to their number.

The proposition was carried unanimously.

A brief address was also given by the Rev. C. Lucy, agency secretary of the American Bible Society at Shanghai.

The chairman proposed thanks to the lady collectors during the past year, also to the Helena May management for the use of the building for the meeting, and also to the ladies who helped with the catering.

These votes were carried with applause.

The meeting concluded with the Dixology, and the Rev. Copley Moyle pronounced the Benediction.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was expected to sail for the United States on April 19, and to make only a brief stay. It appears that the object of his visit is to call on an old lady in Massachusetts who entertained him and his late wife when they were in America some thirty years ago. This old lady has begged Mr. MacDonald to see her before she dies, and he intended to go accompanied by his daughter, Miss Isabel MacDonald.

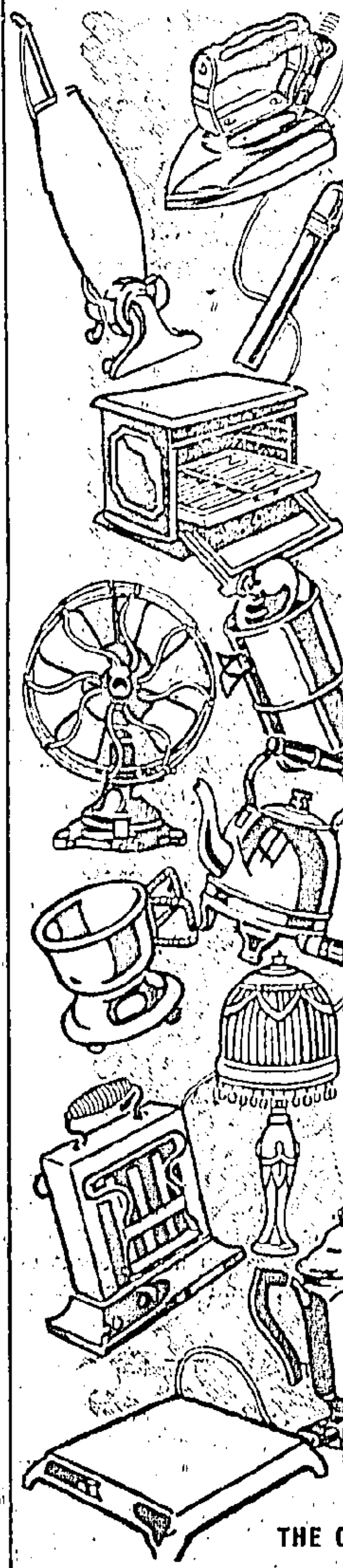
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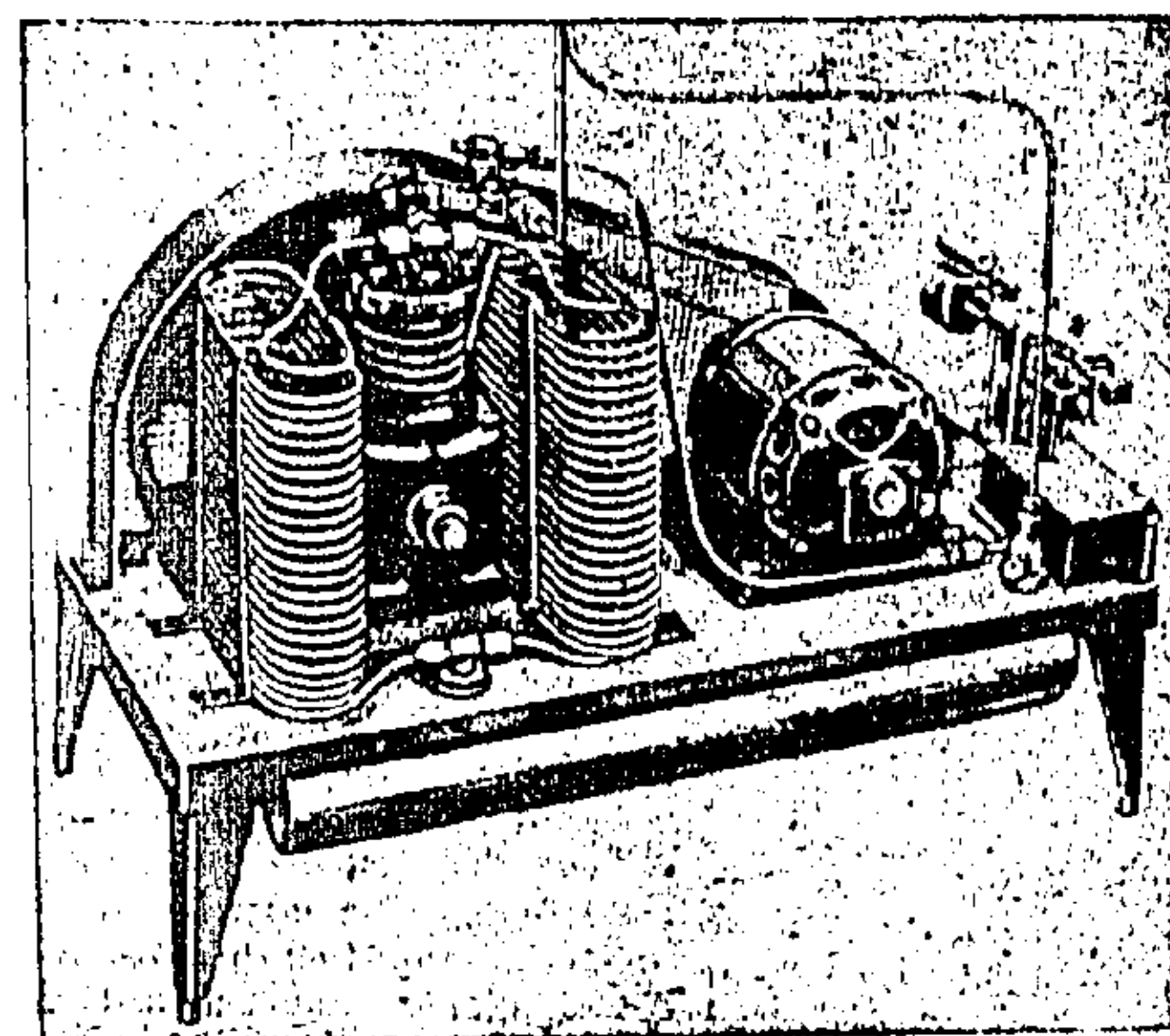
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An alphabetical list of firms representing foreign agencies in China and Hongkong is of especial value to merchants and manufacturers, while the general outport

COMMITTEE MEETING.

OFFICERS OF ANTI-MUTSAI SOCIETY ELECTED.

The committee of the Anti-Muttsai Society, which was recently reconstituted, met at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. in Des Voeux Road, Central, last night to elect officers to serve on the executive committee and various other sub-committees.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. Yeung Shu-chuen; Vice Presidents, Miss Sin Tak-hing and Dr. Chau Wai-cheung; Hon. English Secretary, Mr. C. G. Anderson; Hon. Chinese Secretary, Mr. Ngan Kwan-yu; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Lam Woi; Chairman of the Investigation Sub-Committee, Mr. Wong Hin-chiu; Chairman of the Propaganda Sub-Committee, Mr. Hung To-fai.

A section gives a wealth of information of the utmost value. The whole directory is excellently printed and arranged, reference being delightfully simple.

ENGINEERING FEAT.

2,700 YEAR OLD PROPHECY COMES TRUE.

Paris, April 26.
It has taken eighty-six years and about fifty-five million francs to realise the prophecy made twenty-seven centuries ago by Aristide, priestess of Artemis, who told the astonished founders of Marseilles that a "miraculous ring one day will seal the union between Marseilles and Etang de Berre." Today searchlights were piercing the subterranean gloom. Mr. Doumergue, in the leading motor boat, followed by a little flotilla of similar craft containing members of his suite, inaugurated the wonderful new waterway tunneled beneath the Rove mountains, four and a half miles long and seventy feet wide. The tunnel and canal are the culmination of remarkable engineering feat planned in 1841 and begun in 1911, and links Marseilles and Rhone via the wide sheltered Etang de Berre, which will become an important harbour and considerably benefit the industry of Marseilles and district, while with the completion of the Rhone and Rhine canal a magnificent waterway will join the Mediterranean to the North Sea.—*Reuter.*

Inaugurated by President.

Marseilles, April 26.
M. Doumergue has inaugurated the new Rove tunnel which with its 7,200 metres is the longest in the world and constitutes part of the 81 kilometers long canal from Marseilles to the Rhone, which when completed will link up the port of Marseilles with the waterway system in the interior of France, the Rhine and central Europe.—*Havas.*

FAMOUS AVIATOR IN NEW YORK.

ANTI-FASCIST DEMONSTRATIONS FEARED.

New York, April 26.
The Mayor officially welcomed De Pinedo, who is closely guarded by the police, as anti-Fascist demonstrations are feared. The time of De Pinedo's arrival was kept secret. It was announced he would arrive in New York from Washington on the morning of April 25, but actually he arrived on the evening of the 24th and was immediately hurried to a motor car to an obscure hotel.An amusing incident was witnessed when a young Italian broke through the cordon of police and offered De Pinedo an enormous bouquet. The police, suspecting it concealed a bomb, tore the bouquet apart but found nothing. De Pinedo heartily shook the hand of his admirer, who ruefully gazed at the mangled flowers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

MEMPHIS FLOODS.

HUGE TORRENT OF WATER POURING PAST CITY.

Memphis, April 26.
Over 100 are known to be dead in the floods here but it is estimated that from 300 to 500 perished. Six more towns were overwhelmed. Arkansas City is under six feet of water.

Thousands of workers further down the river are frantically strengthening the embankments, using electric glares to detect leaks. It is calculated that 2,000,000 cubic feet of water is passing Memphis every second, ten times the normal.

Ten million acres are inundated, although the crest of the floods is only halfway down the valley.—*Reuter's American Service.*

SHANGHAI STOWAWAY.

A CHEAP PASSAGE TO SOUTHAMPTON.

London, April 26.
Norman John Hughes was fined £10 at Southampton because he "stowed away" aboard the Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Scotland. Hughes declared that the troubles in Shanghai during the past two years had destroyed his advertising agent's business there. He failed to get other work and secreted himself on the liner when it called on a world cruise, but was soon discovered. Hughes stated that his wife and child are in Shanghai.—*Reuter.*

BATTLE WITH BANDITS.

MEXICAN TROOPS ACCOUNT FOR SIXTY.

Mexico City, April 26.
Sixty of the rebels responsible for the train outrage at Limon on the 20th have been killed in a five hour fight with federal troops, who are pursuing the rest of the band.—*Reuter's American Service.*

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Shinyo Maru from Shanghai, April 25.—Mr. K. Sasagawa, Mr. C. Burke, Mr. H. E. Hartnett, Mr. R. Golden, Dr. U. Pusch, Miss Lon Chan, Miss Rosalind Chan, Mr. Juan Chun Yen, Mr. Fong Chee Lick, Mr. A. C. Gray, Mr. A. C. Carino, Mrs. A. C. Carino, Mr. J. M. Martinez, Mrs. J. M. Martinez, Miss Carmen Martinez, Miss Consuelo Martinez, Mr. W. A. Hyde, Mr. H. Matsumoto, Mrs. H. Matsumoto, Mr. H. Y. Bernier, Mrs. T. Grunberg, Miss V. Grunberg, Master V. Grunberg, Mr. Cheo Ching, Mr. Chang Lou, Mr. Nag Chio King, Mr. Fung Ching, Mr. Chang Kwak Son, Mr. Man Yen, Mr. Fung Kai, Mr. Fung Sin Man.

Per s.s. President Jefferson from San Francisco via ports, April 24.—Mrs. O. Berkley, Mr. C. A. Bovey, Mr. M. Chang, Lieut. Dinsdale, Mr. G. A. Jacobs, Mr. A. Kournoff, Rev. C. Lacy, Mr. Li Lin, Mr. Loung Hem, Mr. Lee Kwan Poy, Capt. Macpherson, Mr. S. H. Ng, Mr. B. Peary, Mr. J. Platon, Miss D. Pitar, Mr. S. S. Shen, Mr. H. A. Smith, Rev. J. V. Shephard, Mr. C. L. Stood, Mr. J. Shephard, Mr. R. Schlaf, Mr. S. Takasaka, Mr. V. C. Woo, Mr. M. Wong.

Per s.s. President McKinley from Manila, April 25.—Mrs. Beatrice Brown, Mr. Geo. P. Bradford, Mrs. H. M. Cavender, Mrs. Elisabeth Cooper, Mr. A. Cano, Sister B. Clemence, Kwa Tak Cheong, Mrs. E. O. Dilline, Mr. A. Calang, Tap. Glak, Mr. T. H. Harte, Mr. A. W. Hogan, Mrs. H. Hawkins, Col. H. C. Jewett, Mrs. H. C. Jewett, Mrs. Harriet G. Jenkins, Miss Anne W. Jenkins, Master James G. Jenkins, Mr. N. J. Lawrence, Kwa Eng Lee, Mr. E. W. Latic, Dee Ching Liap, Lo Glak Chit, Mr. John A. Mathenbakis, Prof. E. Natidud, Mr. M. J. Osorio, Dr. R. Palma, Miss May O. Pal, Mr. P. Pagola, Sister M. Ruth, Mr. Francisco Rodriguez, Mr. Fermin De Rosario, Mr. J. L. Rangol, Nin Choon Suy, Juan Lee Voo, Mr. J. E. Weber, Mrs. J. E. Weber, Miss M. L. Weber, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Whittman, Miss Whittman.

Per s.s. President Adams, from San Francisco, April 25.—Mr. Wilhelm Cordes, Mrs. Chester A. Gile, Miss Marion L. Gile, Miss Carolyn E. Gile, Mr. Jack Hunter, Mr. Mui Lun Hoek, Mr. Quock Sun, Mr. Rodney S. Thomas, Mrs. Rodney S. Thomas, Mr. E. C. Vissering, Mr. Wong Gett, Mr. Wong Wing Kui.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. President McKinley for Seattle via ports, April 25.—Mr. P. S. Crovat, Mr. C. L. Rocha, Master C. L. Rocha, Miss L. L. Rocha, Mrs. C. L. Rocha, Miss Cecelia Pintos, Miss A. L. Rocha, Miss A. E. Wilson, Mrs. Yuk Kai Kan, Mrs. Sit Hing Kan, Master Lincoln Ky, Mr. C. F. Wong, Mr. M. Suzuki, Mr. J. L. Shu, Mr. A. T. Ma, Miss P. Ma, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Woo, Mr. Charlie Young, Miss Charlie Young, Mrs. Charlie Young, Mr. W. R. Liang, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Barnes, Mr. Sorenson, Mr. Julian Arnold, Mr. E. Moller, Mr. R. L. Lichin, Master Bing Han Li, Master Kwan Y. Li, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Lee, Mr. E. L. John, Master Bing Li, Mr. S. Barker, Mr. P. J. Anderson, Mr. C. W. Cheng, Miss P. H. Cheng, Mr. Kiu Lim Lee, Mrs. Lee So See, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Byrd, Mr. B. J. Lyons, Miss H. M. Cogswell, Miss E. A. Mitchell, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Griggs, Mrs. S. P. Spencer, Master Seldon Spencer, Miss Susan Spencer, Miss E. Spencer, Mr. A. T. Rich, Rev. F. A. Eakin, Mr. Fong Yee Lam, Mr. Li Kui Ming, Mr. Foo Sing, Mr. Jung Teong, Master Ngoot Ngow, Mrs. B. E. Solomon, Dr. B. Black, Mr. R. N. Reuben, Mr. M. C. J. Middleburg, Mr. M. Haller, Miss Isle Haller, Mrs. A. F. Watt, Mr. S. A. Martindale.

Per s.s. President Jefferson for Manila, April 26.—Mr. F. M. Mendez, Dr. Elen Santos Ocampo, Mrs. Dorothy G. Cavender, Mr. Daniel Romualdez, Master F. Romualdez, Mrs. Miguel Romualdez, Mrs. F. Gonzalez de Alberto, Mr. Zwagers, Mr. A. Calang, Mr. F. A. Xavier, Mrs. F. A. Xavier, Mr. Jorge E. Weber, Mrs. M. Weber, Miss E. Weber, Mr. A. Portillo, Mr. E. W. Latic, Rev. Father Victor Coloma, Rev. Father Mariano Noira, Rev. Sister Carmen Amague, Rev. Sister Esperanza del Rosario, Mrs. Lucille S. Miller, Lieut. Comdr. J. E. Miller, Miss Anita Thomas, Mr. Sia Un Tan, Mr. Domingo Jhocson.

JAPANESE CRISIS.

RESTRICTIONS LIFTED.

Tokyo, April 26.
Owing to the comparative calmness of the economic situation in general, banking authorities have agreed to make unrestricted payments against bank deposits made on and after April 25 despite the moratorium.—*Reuter.*Tokyo, April 26.
As no banks have applied to the Bank of Japan for emergency advances to-day and the Bank of Japan recovered over fifty million yen in convertible notes before noon, the bankers are well-pleased with the general economic situation.—*Reuter.*

MEXICO'S BUDGET.

GOVERNMENT ECONOMY PLANS.

Mexico City, April 26.
A reduction of the Budget expenditure of at least fifty million pesos annually is among the Government economy plans decreed by President Calles.—*Reuter's American Service.*

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 17th May, 1927 or they will not be recognised.

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TANGO MARU ... Saturday, 21st May.
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TIENSIN Swatow & S'hai Leesang	Thurs.	28th Apr at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Foonshing	Sun.	1st May at 7 a.m.
OSAKA Moji, Yokohama & Kobe Hosang	Sun.	1st May at 7 a.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Namsang	Mon. 2nd May at 3 p.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Hangsang	Wed.	4th May at 7 a.m.
TIENSIN	Choongshing	Thurs. 5th May at 7 a.m.
TSINGTAU Swatow & S'hai Waishang	Sun.	8th May at 7 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Mausang	Mon. 9th May at 3 p.m.
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The band of the 1st Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) gave two selections, "The Cameronians," and "Rose Marie" and a xylophone solo, "Sparks" was played by Bandman A. Lovick.

Extreme variety characterised that part of the programme contributed by "The J-Pans," the company consisting of V. Capell, M. Gittins, A. Steel, E. Rose, I. Berry, P. Capell, P. Gittins, E. Woolley, R. Wong, N. Kelly, C.D. Lake, A.W. Ramsey, G. Bond, I. Schierhorst, F.P. Lencasty, G. Arnold, D. Kelly and R. Woolley.

Three further selections, "William Tell," "In the Night," and "Harry Lauder's Songs" played by the Cameronians' band concluded an entertainment which was thoroughly appreciated by the large number of Servicemen present.

The proceeds of the football match played at Sookunpo during the week-end between teams representing Hongkong and the Army amounted to \$1,277.70. This sum has been forwarded to the M.C.L. The winning ticket for the Ruttonjee \$20 prize was No. 611. The raffle for the football realised \$160, the winning ticket being No. 741.

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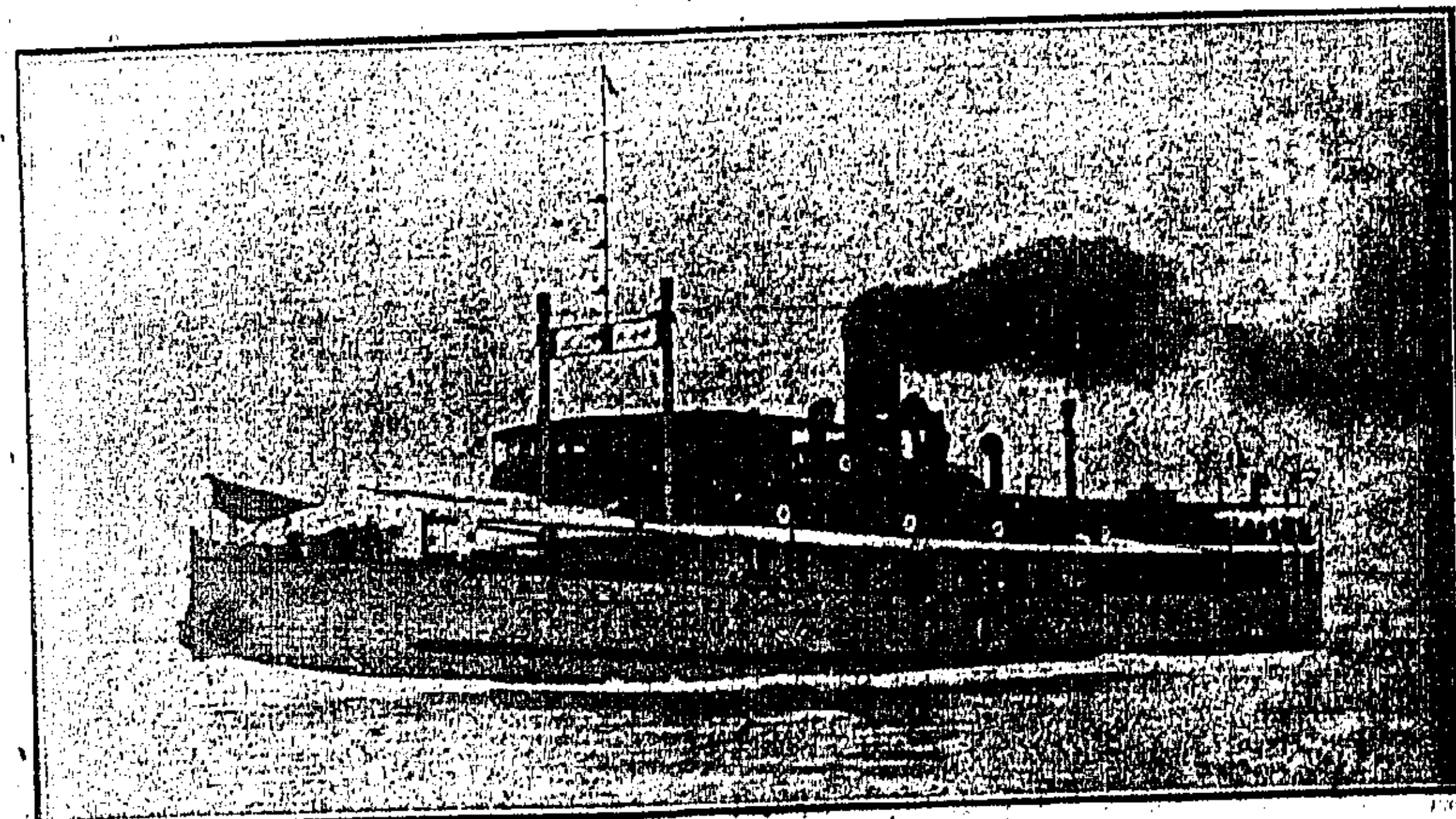
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HANKOW "REDS" DIGGING IN.

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are conveyed by men-of-war, and in spite of retaliation by the latter. Foreign property at Nanking has continued to be looted since the incident of a month ago.

Better Reports.

The latest reports, however, show some improvement. Troops appear to be under better control and looting has decreased. All Communists have left or have been arrested, and an anti-Communist proclamation has been posted in the name of Chiang Kai-shek.

At Wuhu, most foreign buildings have been occupied by Southern troops.

At Chinkiang on April 20, advance troops of the First Nationalist Army on their arrival commandeered all foreign buildings in the Concession as well as the British Consulate for billets for troops which were expected to arrive from Nanking. Later, however, as the result of the local military commander's representations to General Chiang Kai-shek, the latter ordered the troops not to enter the concession, and the advance troops all evacuated the consulate and concession.

Shanghai itself is quiet, although trade is stagnant.

On the other hand, reports from Hongkong show that in South China, British trade is again reviving. The demand for British goods is growing, and the coasting trade is on the whole satisfactory. —British Wireless.

FOREIGN REINFORCEMENTS.

Transport Passes Gibraltar.

Gibraltar, April 26.

The transport City of Poona has passed through the Straits of Gibraltar en route to China. —Reuter.

[The City of Poona is bringing out two batteries of Royal Field Artillery.]

Reliefs for Yangtze Valley.

Tokyo, April 26.

The Navy office announces that 1,000 bluejackets are being despatched shortly for the protection of Japanese residents in the Yangtze Valley, though as reliefs rather than as reinforcements, as the cruisers Kuma and Abukuma and seven destroyers are being withdrawn in the near future. —Reuter.

Another French Cruiser.

A dispatch from Paris to the *Courier Sauvonnais* (an Indo-Chinese journal) states that the Government is contemplating the dispatch to China of a second cruiser to reinforce the Far Eastern Squadron in those waters, which now consists of the cruiser Jules Michelet and a number of smaller warships.

Over 600 men from the contingents in Syria and Morocco will also embark on the new unit for China.

COST OF SHANGHAI FORCE.

Queries in Parliament.

London, April 26.

The House of Commons assembled in a very tranquil spirit since the Easter recess, and there were no signs of the expected stormy times ahead when the Trades Union Bill comes up for debate.

Sir L. Worthington Evans at question time said that the additional cost to the Army Funds of the Shanghai Defence Force, up to March 31, was estimated at £350,000. The balance of transport charges incurred prior to March 31 were payable in the current financial year, and amount to £200,000. The cost of transport of the additional troops recently sent to China was estimated at £250,000.

He regretted he was unable to give a weekly estimate of the cost of the forces.

Reply To Mr. Chen.

Mr. O. Locker Lampson said the Powers having military forces in China had not established a special joint negotiating body. Reviewing the situation on China he referred to the split in the ranks of the Nationalists, and reiterated that it had always been the policy of His Majesty's Government to maintain strict neutrality.

The Government was at present discussing whether to make a further reply to Mr. Eugene Chen's Note, or take other steps in the matter.

The Foreign Secretary had not received any report or complaint from the Soviet Consul in Shanghai that no letters or telegrams had been allowed to reach the Consulate. —Reuter.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

Case of Men Sent to China.

London, April 26.

The accommodation for wives of soldiers at present serving in China was the subject of a question in the House of Commons.

In reply, Sir L. Worthington Evans said that so far as was possible, such families were left undisturbed in the married quarters, but in some cases they had had to quit to make room for the families of relieving units. In such cases the outgoing families made their own arrangements, but were granted a lodging allowance, or if they preferred it were found alternative quarters. —Reuter.

PEKING SOVIET DOCUMENTS.

British Action Belittled.

London, April 26.

In the House of Commons, replying to a question as regards the documents seized in the Peking Legation Quarter, Mr. G. Locker Lampson said he was unable to state, until the documents had been examined, what action the Government will consider desirable to take in the matter.

Mr. J. C. C. Davidson (Conservative) asked whether Mr. Lampson was aware that an official resume of some of the documents had been issued stating that care need not be taken of British subjects in mob violence because the British Government was not likely to do anything but issue words, whereas Japan was the most likely to use force.

Mr. Lampson replied that he had seen various Press reports, but was awaiting authentic information. —Reuter.

TRUCULENCE AT WUHU.

Foreigners Refused Access.

Wuhu, April 26.

The local authorities are becoming increasingly truculent judging by the events of yesterday. A number of foreigners were endeavouring to land, but they were prevented by armed sentries. For some reason the foreigners were refused access unless they went singly.

The Senior Naval Officer has lodged an emphatic protest.

Wuhu was almost denuded of troops to-day, there being a general exodus down river for an unknown destination. —Naval Wireless.

COCKCHAFFER INCIDENT.

Silences Field Batteries.

Chinkiang, April 26.

In Chinkiang itself everything is quiet, but when H.M.S. Cockchafer was passing a point about fifteen miles above Chinkiang, the Chinese opened fire on her with field guns.

The Cockchafer replied with her main armament and silenced the batteries. —Naval Wireless.

SECRET LABOUR MEETING.

Urges Anti-Chiang Move.

Shanghai, April 22.—Demanding that the defunct Shanghai General Labour Union defray the expenses of sending two cotton mill workers to Moscow to request that the Soviet Government furnish all local Chinese workers with arms and ammunition, former employees of Japanese cotton mills in the Western District, in a secret meeting held at No. 1 Ta Peng Li, Chapel, issued a deft to the foreign authorities of this city and passed resolutions for the sending of an urgent telegram to the Nationalist Government at Wu-Han, requesting that a punitive expedition be launched against General Chiang Kai-shek. The meeting was presided over by Wan Yung-ching, himself a representative of the General Labour Union.

This secret meeting is viewed as a last desperate attempt of the defunct Union to regain its lost hold on the industrial workers of Shanghai. They hope by this move, and it will be given publicity in the Chinese city by circulars and posters, to arouse the workers against foreigners and so-called imperialism, by promising them arms and ammunition and the support of the Soviet Government.

A handbill circulated in Shanghai yesterday called upon the workers to stand together, assuring them that the Soviet Government is back of them.

NORTHERNERS' LOSSES.

Over 2,000 Drowned.

Shanghai, April 26.

Two launches towing more than ten boats full of Northerners attempted to reach the southern shores of the Yangtze near the Nanking. The Fort discovered them by a searchlight and fired eighty shells sinking the lot. More than 2,000 were drowned. —Reuter.

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